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FOREWORD

This year the Lion Staff once more presents to its friends and fellow students a tangible account of the footprints made on the sands of West Charlotte High School during the school year of 1950-51.

We trust that these pictorial accounts will serve as a constant reminder of the happy days we have all spent within these walls.



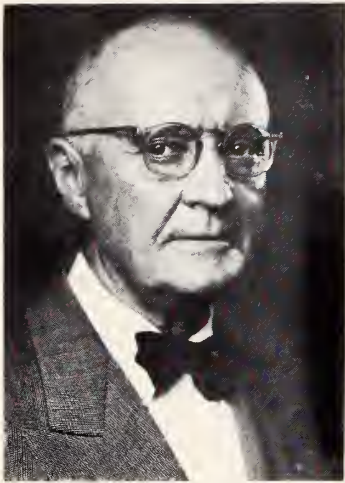
DEDICATION

MRS. E. R. ANDERSON

To Mrs. E. R. Anderson, pioneer teacher, principal, religious and civic leader of the Charlotte community, this 11th edition of the West Charlotte Lion is respectfully dedicated.

West Charlotte High School is proud to pay tribute to the career of the pioneer educator of our community.

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Greetings and congratulations to the Lion Staff upon the publication of this yearbook and best wishes to the Seniors as they prepare to enter another era in their lives.

Sincerely,
C. L. Blake, Principal
West Charlotte High School



AUTOGRAPHS



C. L. Blake
G. Strand

Samuel Aaron Moore
Alexander

all in their lifetime

their words of advice

Education is incomplete
without a knowledge of
the Bible
M. E. Saffer

My very best wishes
for your continued
success!

C. W. Gunn

M. A. Blake

"Ignorance with love is
better than wisdom without it"
Virginia D. Shuford

K. L. Stuart

Elizabeth Schmale Randaek

B. B. Robinson

Joseph F. Towner

Minna M. Reid

Good luck to all
Johnny Halloran

Always remember
to speak once
and think twice
Jerry Washington

Sadie Morgan

"To thrive own self be true"
Martha E. Aldridge

FACULTY

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English



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Elementary Education



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Industrial Arts



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French and English



SADIE MORAGNE
English



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RANDOLPH
English



D. R. REID
*Elementary Education and
Physical Education*



MINNA M. REID
Elementary Education



MARTHA E. RIDDICK
Librarian



BERTHA B. ROBINSON
Mathematics and Science



VIRGINIA D. SHUFORD
Social Studies



FACULTY

G. STROUD

*Distributive Education
and Civics*



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Home Economics



L. TERRY

Business Education



JOSEPH F. TOWNS

History and Civics



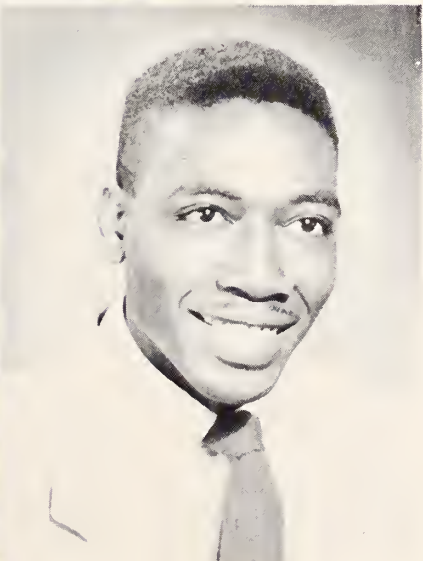
J. C. VINCENT

Public School Music



LEROY WASHINGTON

Dramatics and Speech

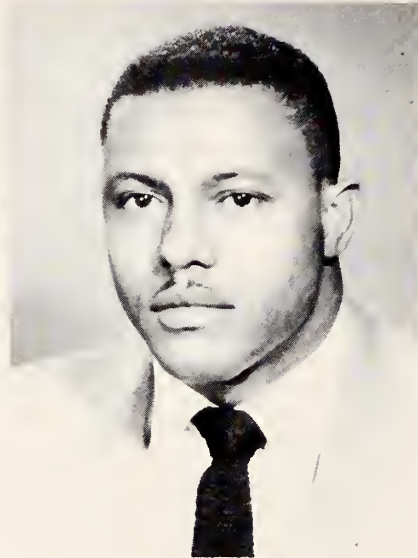


FACULTY

BARBARA B.
WELBOURNE
*English and
Journalism*



WILLIAM E. WHITE
*General Science
and Social Studies*



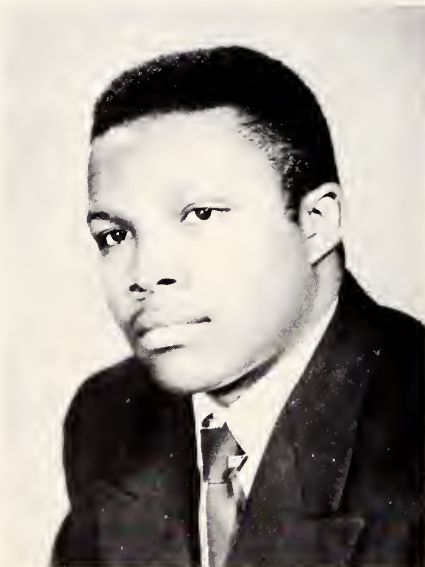
OTIS A. WILLIAMS
Art Education



A. A. WILSON
Driver's Education



J. E. WOODS
General Science



CLEO YOUNGUE.
R.N.
School Nurse





SENIORS



FRANK DARENZARD ALSTON

"The Thing"

Band, Hi-Y, Track, Tennis, Bible Club.
"He who drinks beer will think beer."

Ambition: Doctor

MILDRED MAE ARCHIE

"Mil Mae"

Basketball, Y-Teen, and Tennis.
"Strive and strive hard to succeed."

Ambition: Dietitian

ORA LEE ASHBY

"Peate"

Bible Club.

"Aim for the higher things of life."

Ambition: Stenographer

MARGARET MECHEEL BERRY

"Beaucoup"

Y-Teen, Speech, Dramatic, D. E. Club, Commercial and Hostess Club, Office Staff, Cafeteria Staff, Junior Basketball, Bible Club, Mirror Staff, Athletic Staff, G. A. A.

"Truth is the secret of eloquence and of virtue, the basis of authority; it is the highest summit of art and of life."

Ambition: Pediatrician



ISOM JOSEPH BIRTHA

"I. J."

Chorus, Football, Track, Tennis, Baseball and Hi-Y.
"If you can't be good, be careful."

Ambition: Dentist

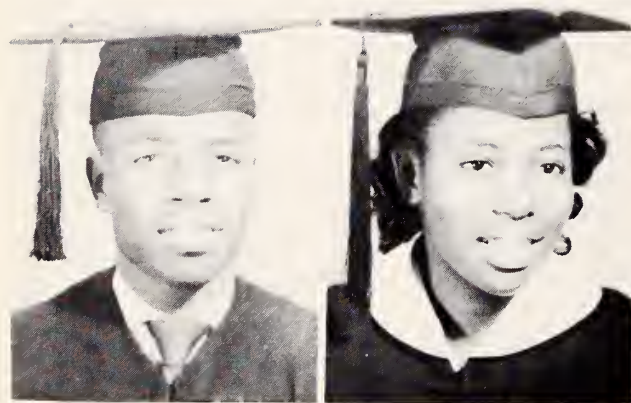
LORESE BIRTHA

"Lo"

Chorus, G. A. A., Basketball.

"Nothing is so dangerous as an ignorant friend; better it is to have a nice enemy."

Ambition: Surgical Nurse



JOHN PAYTON BLACK

"Jay Black"

Student Council, Dramatics, Science Club,, Detson Chanters, Mirror Staff, Football, Basketball, Track, Jr. Prize Contestant, Patrol Force, Hi-Y.

"To be or not to be that is the question."

Ambition: Medical Scientist.

DORIS LAVONE BLACKWELL

"Vonnice"

Usher, Hostess and Dramatics Clubs, Y-Teens, Mirror Staff and Chorus.

"Education commences at the mother's knee and every word spoken within the hearsay of little children tends towards the formation of character."

Ambition: Stenographer.



SENIORS



CARRIE JEANETTE BOWSER

"Jean"

Student Council, Inter-Club Council, Y-Teens, Inter-school Council, Chorus, Dramatics Club, National Honor Society, Mirror Staff, Lion Staff, Patrol Force and Athletic Council.

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers, none goes his way alone, all we send into the lives of others comes back into our own."

Ambition: Attorney at Law

ANNIE BOYCE

ROBERT BRADSHAW

BARBARA JEAN BROWN

"Pee Wee"

Usher, Bible and Dramatics Clubs, Patrol Force, Cheering Squad and Y-Teens.

"Valuable gifts come in small packages."

Ambition: Stenographer



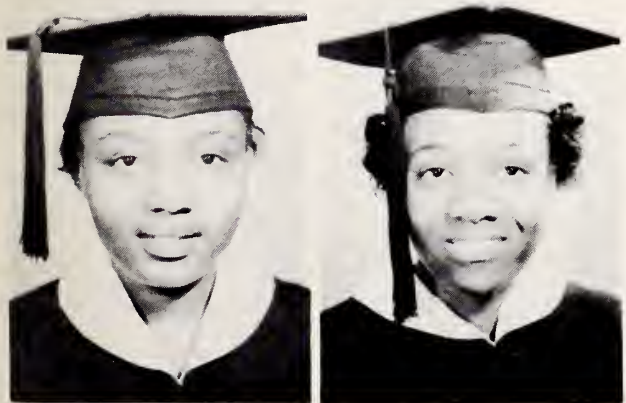
GLORIA BROWN

MINNIE LOUISE BROWN

Y-Teens, and Distributive Education Club.

"Where there is life there is hope; where there is hope there is love."

Ambition: Beautician



NATHANIEL BROWN

"Nat"

Basketball, Baseball, and Patrol Force.

"Trust not a living soul, walk carefully among the dead."

ELEANOR CAMP



SENIORS



FAB CAMP
"Fat Goody"

Honor Society, Patrol Force, Football, Basketball,
Hi-Y, Dramatics Club and Chorus.

THOMAS CALDWELL
"Tom Jr."

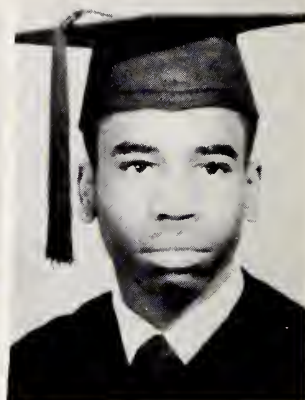
Hi-Y and Dramatics, Football.
Ambition: Teacher

CHARLES COLLINS CATHY
"Chazz"

Track,
"The elevator to success is broken, take the ladder."
Ambition: Dentist

FRENCH BENJAMIN CATHEY
"Frenchie"

Track.
Ambition: Artist



JOHNNIE LEE CHAMBERS
"Chambre"

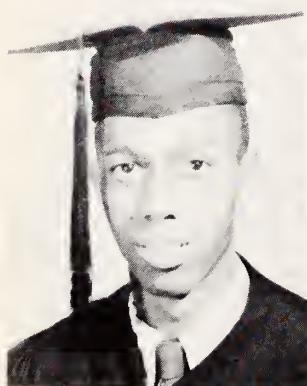
Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track, Patrol Force,
Dramatics Club, Chorus, Hi-Y, Mirror Staff, Stu-
dent Council, Varsity, Driving, Art and Science
Clubs and Lion Staff.
"Fools wait for things to turn up, wise men go turn
them up."

Ambition: Dramatist

MINNIE CHERRY

Bible, Dramatics and Science Clubs, Y-Teens and
W. C. T. U. Contestant.
"It is better to be unborn than untaught, for ignor-
ance is the key to misfortune."

Ambition: Biologist.



CORRINE CLARK

JAMES CROSBY



SENIORS



CLINTION NATHANIEL DAVIS

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

ROSA MARION DAVIS

Patrol Force, Commercial Club, Student Council, Thespians, Chorus, Mirror Staff, Lion Staff, Y-Teens.
"Don't Be sharp, don't be flat, but be natural."

Ambition: Teacher



JAMES RICHARD DOUGLAS

"Bay-Bay"

Patrol Force, Football, Basketball, Track, and Baseball.
"Why fear death? It is the most beautiful adventure in life."

Ambition: Physical Education Teacher

ALICE RUTH DURANT

"Winnie"

Y-Teen, Photography Club.
"To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."
Ambition: English Teacher

ARGIE RUTH CUNNINGHAM

"Bobby Ruth"

Bible, Dramatics, Hostess and Photography Clubs, Y-Teens.
"Experience is the fool's best teacher, the wise do not need it."

Ambition: Nurse

JAMES DANIEL

"Jim"

Chorus, Lion Staff and Art Club.
"Fools wait for things to turn up, wise men go turn them up."

Ambition: Artist



CHARLES PRICE DONALD

"Charlie"

D. E. Club, and Band.
"Be not a fool to make others merry."

ANNIE DOUGLAS

"Dot"

Basketball, Tennis, Y-Teens.
"I can make out of my life exactly what I wish for now I am becoming what I am going to be."
Ambition: Surgical Nurse



SENIORS



MACK DAVIDSON

"June"

Band, Track and Hi-Y.
"They that stand high have many blasts to shake them."

Ambition: Business Man

JOHN CALVIN EAVES

"Slick Cooter"

Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball and Bible Club.
"If you can't be good be careful."

Ambition: History Teacher

SARAH ANN EDWARDS

"Sister"

Chorus, G. A. A., Softball, Track, Tennis, Basketball, Bible Club, and Y-Teens.
"All I am and long to be, I owe it to my darling mother."

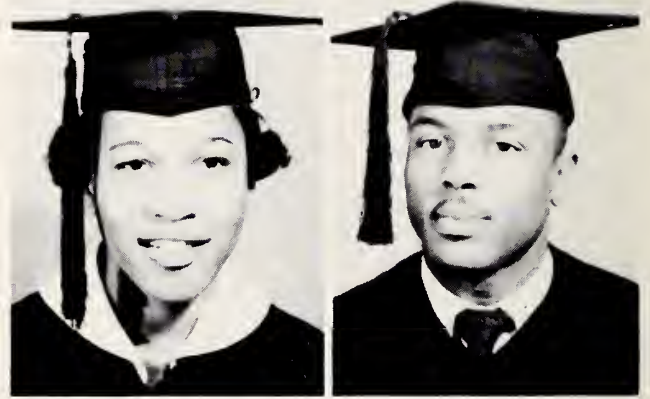
Ambition: Nurse

HENRY EILY

"Hen"

Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball, Chorus, Student Council, Patrol Force, Hi-Y, Lion Staff, Mirror Staff, Dramatics, Science, and Varsity Clubs.
"Always have a good word for everyone."

Ambition: Physical Education Teacher



SARAH DELL FORD

"Sassell"

Ushers Club, Y-Teens, E. E. and Chorus.
"Look not mournfully into the past; for it comes not back again."

Ambition: Barber

MARGARET LOUISE FRANKLIN

"Butch"

Basketball, Patrol Force, Chorus, Commercial, Bible, Speech, Dramatics, and Science Clubs, Y-Teens, G. A. A. and W. C. T. U. Contestant.
"All that I am and hope to be, I owe it to my darling mother."

Ambition: Doctor



DAVID MELVIN FRAZIER

"Bunk"

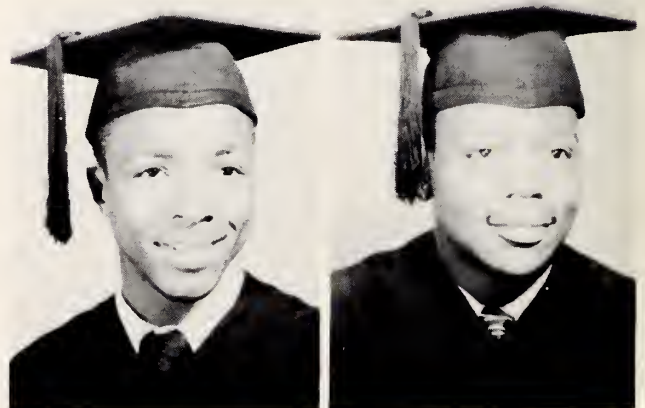
Baseball.
"Live a clean life."
Ambition: Commercial Artist

LOUIS GOODE

Band, Patrol.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Ambition: Music Teacher



SENIORS



THELMA GRACE GLYMPH

"Cool"

Dramatics, Bible and Commercial Clubs and Y-Teens.
"We have reached the bay; the ocean lies still ahead."

Ambition: Stenographer

MARY ELIZABETH GOINES

"Goines"

Bible, Hostess, Commercial and Photography Clubs,
Cafeteria Staff, and Y-Teens.

*"Life is a theater in which the worst people often
have the best seats."*

Ambition: Nurse

JOHNNIE GORDAN

"Genius"

"It is better to be a living coward than a dead hero."

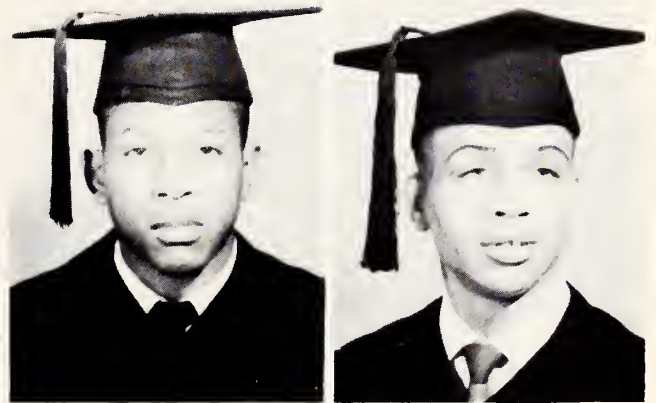
Ambition: Air Force

CHARLES GRIER

"Red Bone"

Football, Hi-Y.

*"I am the master of my fate and the captain of my
soul."*



ELLA MAE GRIER

"Monkey"

Y-Teens and D. E. Club.

"I fear no man, only God is my master."

Ambition: Nurse

JAMES GRIER

"Pete"

Chorus, Physics, and Usher's Clubs, Hi-Y.

"Oh rare the headpiece if but brains were there."

Ambition: Doctor



JOHN GRIER

PEGGY GRIER



SENIORS



DONALD HAFER

ESTHER LOUISE HAIRSTON

"Bootsie"

Jr. Basketball, Chorus, Majorette, Jr. Prize Contestant, Dramatics, D. E., Commercial Clubs and Y-Teens.

"Blot out vain check impulse; quench appetite; keep reason under its own control."

Ambition: Dress Designer

VERLINE HARRIS

Y-Teens, Chorus.

"It is the art of marching directly forward toward the goal we have set before us."

Ambition: Tailor

JAMES HART, JR.

"Bubber"

Mirror Staff, Track, Baseball, Football, Basketball, Lion Staff, Student Council, Jr. Prize Contestant, Science, Dramatics and Commercial Clubs, Patrol Force and Hi-Y.



HAZEL WALLACE HASTY

"Tom"

D. E. Club.

"I live for those who love me."

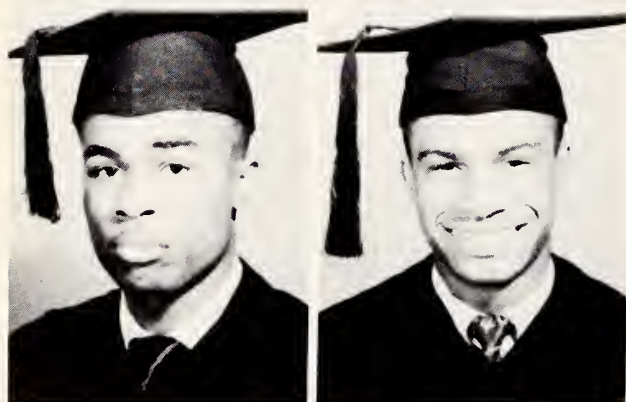
Ambition: Artist

BENNIE ANDERSON HEMPHILL

"Reb"

Football, Basketball, Dramatics Club, Patrol Force and Hi-Y.

"Trust not a living soul and walk carefully among the dead."



ALICE ELIZABETH HILL

"Area"

Y-Teens Chorus, G. A. A., Commercial, Speech, and Hostess Clubs, Jr. Prize Contestant and Jr. Basketball.

"It is better to have loved and lost than not to have loved at all."

Ambition: Ballet Dancer

WILLIE JAMES HILL

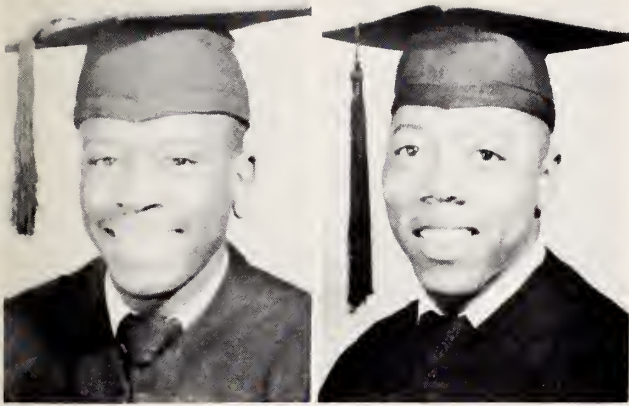
"Pa Hill"

Track, Basketball, Football, D. E. Club, Hi-Y, and Baseball.

"Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow you may die."



SENIORS



ALBERT HOEY

VICTOR HOEY

ODESSA HOOD

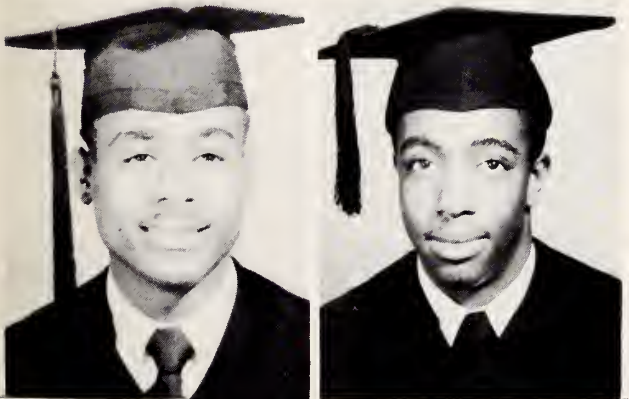
ANNE MARIZETTA HUGHES

"Sandy"

Commercial, Hostess, Ushers, Dramatics, and Science Clubs, Chorus and Y-Teens.

"Upon the plains of hesitation lies the banes of counters millions whom upon the dawn of a sunset sat down to rest and resting died."

Ambition: Stenographer



THOMAS HUGHES

GEORGE JACKSON

"Jackie"

Football, Baseball.

"Fools rush in where wise men fear to trod."

Ambition: Teacher

EVALINA JOHNSON

KATIE LOUISE JOHNSON

"Kat"

W. C. T. U. Contestant, Y-Teens, Science Club, and National Honor Society.

"Cherish those who love you; love those who hate you."

Ambition: Beautician



SENIORS

MARGARET EDMONIA JOHNSON

"Marty"

Chorus, National Honor Society, Dramatics, and Commercial Clubs, Patrol Force, Y-Teens, Mirror and Lion Staffs.

"Common sense is good to have, but never let it master you; for then it might deprive you of the foolish things it's fun to do."

Ambition: Social Worker

ROSA MAE JOHNSON

"Bill"

G. A. A., Y-Teens, Chorus, Commercial, and Dramatics Clubs, Jr. Prize Contestant and Tennis.

"When you know a thing, to hold that you know and when you do not know a thing, allow that you do not know it this is knowledge."

Ambition: Nurse



FRANCES SELENA JOHNSON

"Lena"

National Honor Society, Commercial Club and Y-Teens.

"He that practice ignorance is guilty of all crimes that ignorance produce."

Ambition: Teacher

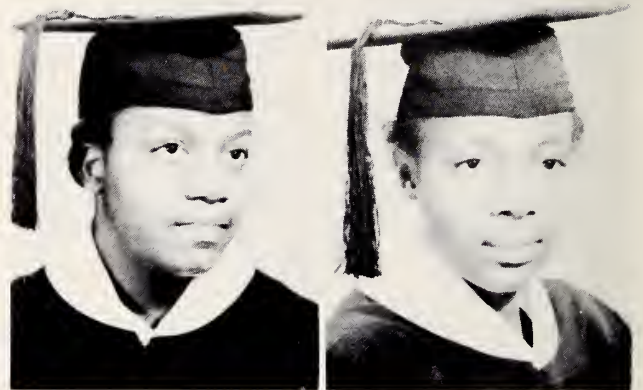
WILLIE RUTH JONES

"Baby Ruth"

Softball, Y-Teens, Majorette, Dramatics and G. A. A.

"Defend me from my friends, I can defend myself from my enemies."

Ambition: Nurse



CHARLES LEE KENNEDY

"Cherokee"

Hi-Y, Physics Club.

"Love conquers all things, let us yield to love."

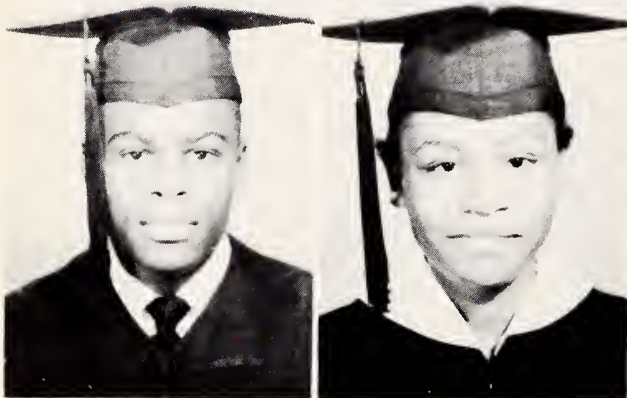
FLORA MAE KENNEDY

"Fuz"

Y-Teens.

"Being a senior is a great responsibility, but we have accepted it."

Ambition: Nurse



PEARLIE LOUISE KIRKLEY

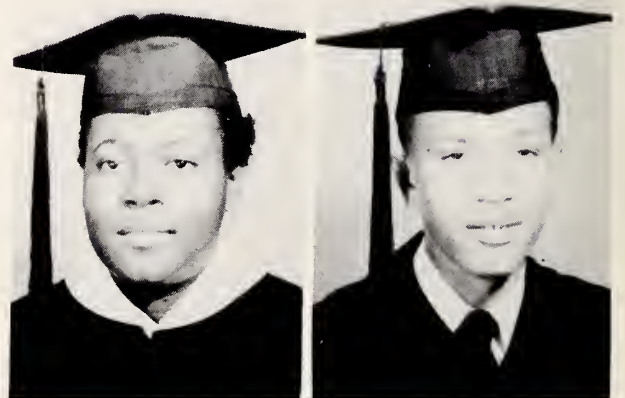
"Pearlie Gates"

Patrol Force, Chorus, Student Council, Bible Club, Y-Teens, National Honor Society.

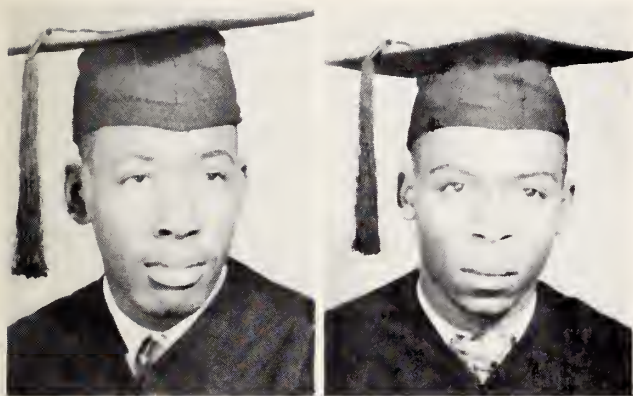
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Ambition: Singer

CHARLES KNIGHT



SENIORS



JAMES FRANKLIN LEE

"Jim Lee"

Hi-Y, Science Club.

"We live not for ourselves alone, but for others."

ROBERT LEE LOCKHART

"Bobby"

Band, Track, and Patrol Force.

"Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow you may die."

Ambition: Music Teacher

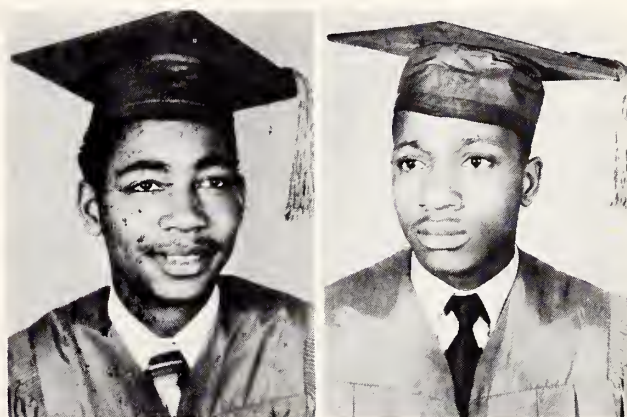
WALTER RALEIGH LOVELL

"Big Walt"

Football, Track, Chorus, Dramatics Club, Patrol Force, Mirror Staff and Hi-Y.

Ambition: Mechanic

JAMES LYLES



WALTER ALEXANDER MAXWELL

"Fisbeggs"

Chorus, D. E. Club and Basketball.

"A man is not a failure when he falls until he says—someone tripped him."

Ambition: U. S. Navy

CHARLES McCULLOUGH

JOHN EXCELL McCOMBS

"Joe Buzzard"

Football, Basketball, Track, National Honor Society, Chorus, Dramatics and Driving Clubs, Mirror Staff, and Hi-Y.

"I shall pass this way but once, any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being let me do it now, let me not neglect nor defer it for, I shall not pass this way again."

Ambition: Philosopher

MINNIE LEE McCLURE

"Min"

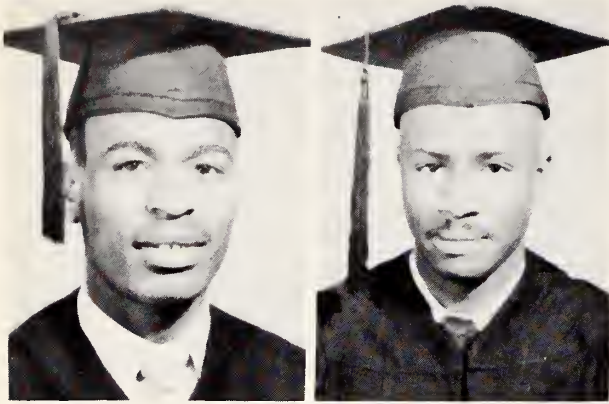
D. E. Club, Y-Teens, and Student Council.

"Trust not a living soul, walk carefully among the dead."

Ambition: Bookkeeper



SENIORS



WILSON McDOWELL
"Macgoodie"

Football, Baseball, Mirror Staff, Dramatics and Bible Clubs, Basketball, Student Council, Patrol Force, and Track.

"All I am and long to be I owe it to my darling mother and teachers."

Ambition: Teacher

THOMAS McNABB
"Brother"

"People change because of others' mistakes, fools change because of their own."

SARAH CATHERINE McQUEEN
"Sarah Mc"

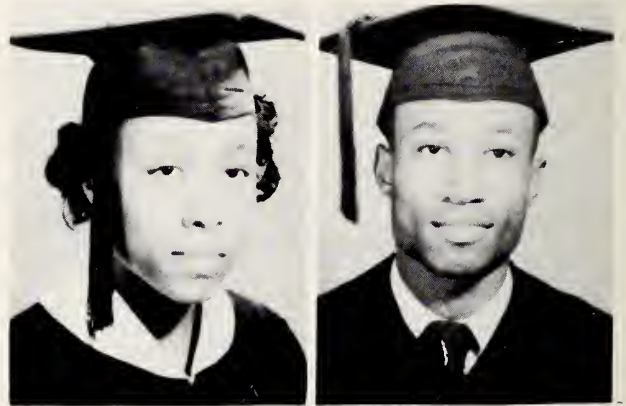
Bible, Commercial, Photography, and Dramatics Clubs, and Y-Teens.

"Live, love, think, pray, and Dare."

Ambition: Librarian

THOMAS McQUEEN
"Romeo"

Mirror Staff, Science Club, National Honor Society:
"Trust not a living soul, and walk carefully among the dead."



CAROLYN BEATRICE MOORE
"C. B."

Chorus, National Honor Society, Dramatics Club, Y-Teens, Mirror Staff, Lion Staff, Patrol Force, Commercial Club, and Student Council.

"Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave."

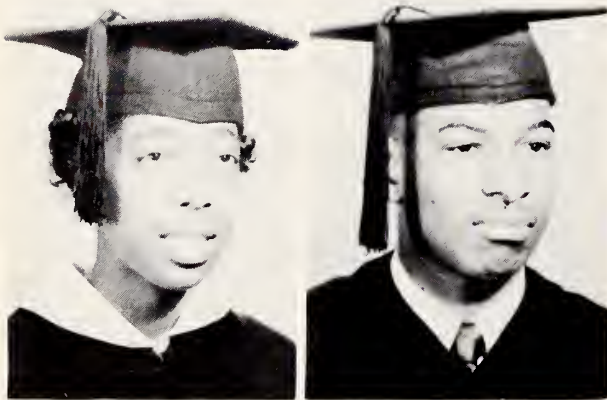
Ambition: Dental Technician

MANUEL MONTGOMERY
"Mercury"

Football, Track and Baseball.

"A man is a man for what he does and not for what he says."

Ambition: Professional Athlete



MILDRED JUANITA MORRISON
"Breeze"

Basketball, Y-Teens, Dramatics Club, G. A. A. and Cheerleader.

"Always be truthful, faithful and kind."

Ambition: Beautician

EVA ELLEN MILLER
Y-Teens.

"Get wisdom, get knowledge but with all your getting get understanding."



SENIORS



ELIZABETH MURRAY

HELENA ANN NELSON

"Lena"

Y-Teens, Dramatics Club, Basketball, and Cheering Squad.

"I fear no man, for God is my Captain."

ROSA MAE NELSON

"Rose"

Y-Teens'

"When you laugh, the world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone."

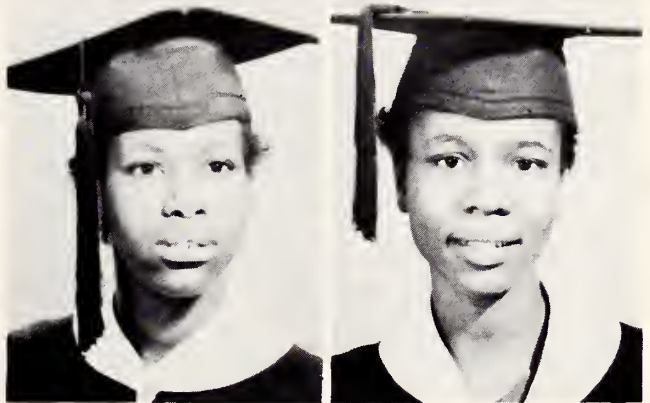
Ambition: Stenographer

CHARITY ROSALEE NEWSON

"Cherry"

Y-Teens, Commercial, Bible and D. E. Clubs.

Ambition: Teacher



BYNOM NICHOLAS, JR.

"Sonny"

Band, Chorus and Patrol Force.

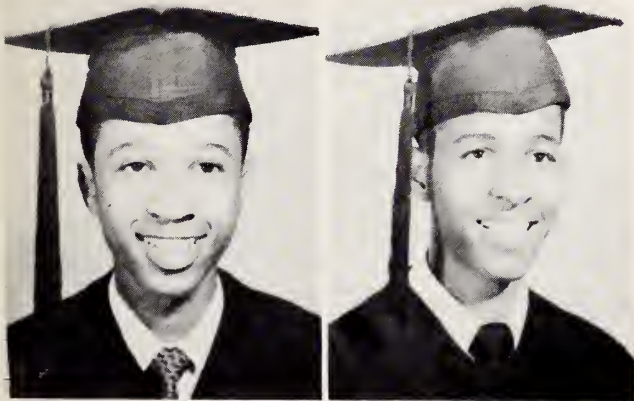
"Ready, willing and able."

Ambition: U. S. Army

JOHN NICHOLAS

"Johnny"

"First seek ye the kingdom of God and all other things will be added unto you."



ISAIAH PATTERSON

"Monk"

D. E. Club.

"It is better to be a living coward than a dead hero."

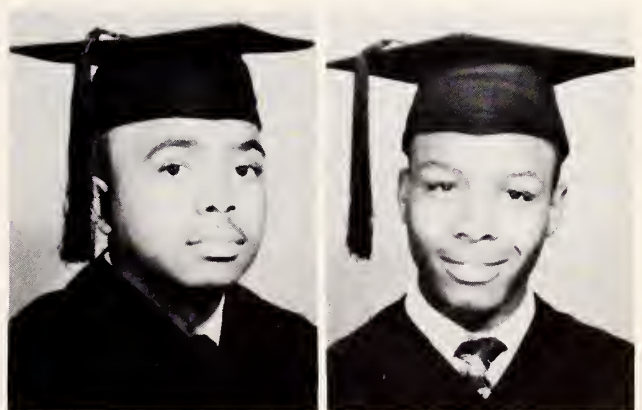
Ambition: Doctor

JOHN ROBERT POOL

"Shakey"

Football, Track, Ushers and Physics Clubs.

"Free men set themselves free."



SENIORS



ALBERT SANDERS

RICHARD SARTOR

MILDRED ALICE SMITH

"Smif"

Student Council, National Honor Society, Mirror and Lion Staffs, Chorus, Dramatics Clubs and Y-Teens.

"If you have faith all things are possible."

Ambition: Social Worker

THOMASENA BERNICE SMITH

"Tommie"

Dramatics, Science, Commercial and Ushers Clubs, Y-Teens, W. C. T. U. Contestant and Lion Staff.

"He is a saint who daily aims to aid his fallen brother. He is a God who never blames his downfall on another."

Ambition: Elementary Teacher



JANIE MAE STEWART

"Rabbit"

Y-Teens.

"Be prepared."

Ambition: French Teacher

MARY ROSA STUART

"Rosa"

Chorus, Hostess, Dramatics and Bible Clubs, Patrol Force and Student Council.

"See with your own eyes and judge by your own taste."

Ambition: Nurse



JULIUS PERCIVAL STROUD

"Puss"

Tennis, Basketball, Patrol Force, Dramatics and D. E. Clubs.

"Hope for the best, prepare for the worst, and take what comes."

EVELYN THOMPSON

"Honey"

"To each his own."

Ambition: Stenographer



SENIORS



MARY DICKSON PRICE

"Dee"

Y-Teens, Science, Commercial and Dramatics Clubs.

"To thine ownself be true."

Ambition: Dietitian

ALLEAN QUINN

"Al"

Basketball, Tennis, Y-Teens, and Student Council.

"I have learned but not enough."

ESTHER REEL

DOROTHY LEE REID

"Dot"

Y-Teens, D. E. Club.

"The difficult can be accomplished at once, the impossible takes a little longer."

Ambition: Nurse



HENRY RICHARDSON

"Snake"

Track, Hi-Y and D. E. Club.

"A man of courage is also full of faith."

ELIZABETH ROSEBORO

"Lizzie"

Y-Teens.

"Look to the future and not to the past."

Ambition: Nurse



ISABELLA ROBINSON

Y-Teens, Dramatics, and Commercial Clubs, Cafeteria Staff and Basketball.

"It is better to love wisely, it is better than not to be able to love at all."

Ambition: Interior Decorator

MARION THOMAS RAWLINS

"Pete"

Hi-Y, Physics Club and Patrol Force.

"Coolness indicates fine qualities."



SENIORS



WILLIE ALEXANDER WALKER

"Twist"

Jr. Prize Contestant, Dramatics Club, Patrol Force, Hi-Y, Mirror and Lion Staffs.

"Good things come to those who wait."

Ambition: Doctor

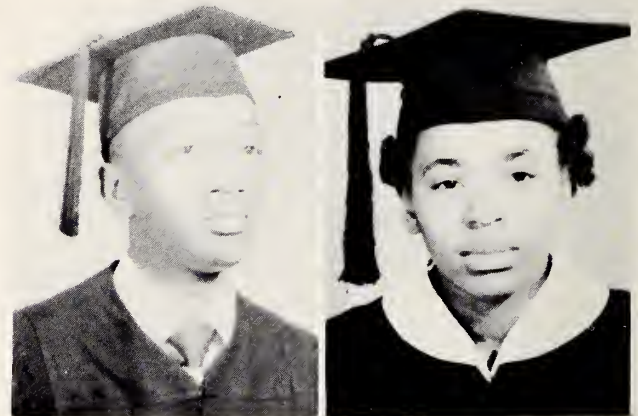
CLARA WALLACE

"Squirrel"

Y-Teens and D. E. Club.

"Live as if you were going to die tomorrow, learn as if you were going to live forever."

Ambition: Seamstress



MABLE JOYCE WAY

"Bunnie"

Y-Teens.

"Strive for the best."

Ambition: Typing Teacher

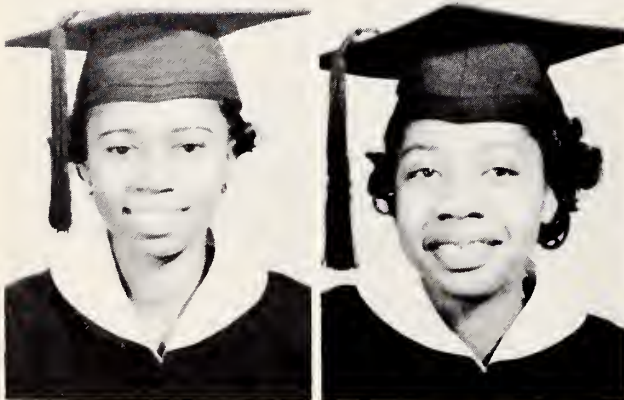
CAROLYN WELCH

"Tank"

Y-Teens, Bible Club and Student Council.

"All that I hope to be, I owe to my dear mother."

Ambition: Nurse



CLINTON ALEXANDER WHITAKER

"Shark"

Football and basketball.

"Striving to better the best."

Ambition: Singer

KATHERINE ELIZABETH WHITE

"Cat"

Y-Teens, Bible, Ushers, Commercial and Photography Clubs.

"All that I am and hope to be, I owe it to my mother."

Ambition: Stenographer



SENIORS



MATTIE WILLIAMS

"Mat"

Chorus, Basketball, Tennis, Y-Teens, G. A. A. and Track.

"If I do not win I will make the winner break all records."

Ambition: Nurse



ROY EDWARD WILLIAMS

"Spazard"

Football, Band, Chorus, Dramatic, and D. E. Clubs. Patrol Force, Hi-Y, and Student Council.

"You can never plan the future by the past."

Ambition: Dentist



PEGGY ANNE WITHERS

"Stem"

Ushers, Commercial, Hostess and Dramatics Clubs, Chorus, Patrol Force, Y-Teens and Mirror Staff.

"Tis education that forms the common mind. Just as the twig is bent the tree inclined."

Ambition: Social Worker



CARRIE MAE WOODARD

"Nealy"

Y-Teens, Bible Club and Chorus.

"Live and let live."

Ambition: Nurse

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



Left to right, top row—Katherine White, Secretary; Fab Camp, Class Reporter; Katie Johnson, Assistant Secretary.

Bottom row—John Black, Treasurer; James Hart, President; Bennie Hemphill, Vice-President.

Class Motto—"Could we but know the land that ends our dark uncertain travel."

Class Flower—American Beauty Rose

Class Colors—Aqua and pink

CLASS HISTORY

In the year 1946 A. D., a group of adventurous pioneers started across a vast unknown territory to stake their claims in the gold mines of Education. It had become known that "gold" had been discovered in the territory of West Charlotte High. Hundreds of hopeful explorers had "rushed" there. Sure enough the mines were so rich that there was "gold" for all, and those who worked diligently and reached the last outpost where the richest mines were located had become increasingly wealthy.

With these tales of success in mind we set out to find our fortunes. Mr. Clinton L. Blake, Marshall of West Charlotte Territory appointed guides for us and supervised our sojourn across the plains.

A hundred and forty of us packed our goods in covered wagons and started the journey. Our guides, Mr. Leroy Miller, Mr. C. E. Moreland, Mr. J. E. Colston and Miss L. N. Mayweather knew the trails well and we arrived without mishap at the first frontier stop, "Prep Junction." While there Fontella Walker and Lenon Rhoden joined the Dramatics Group playing at the Opera House. Annie Ruth Boyce, Henry Eily, James Hart, Wilson McDowell, Charles McCullough, Johnny Chambers, Mattie Williams and Willie Walker played Jr. Varsity basketball against the settlers.

After a year the pioneers decided to move on to "Freshmenboro" constantly in search of bigger and richer "mines." Here John Black, Johnny Chambers, Henry Eily, Willie Walker, Thomas McKnabb and James Townsend, Jeanette Bowser, Margaret Johnson, Rosa Davis, Peggy Withers, Pearl Kirkley, Marv Stuart, Fontella Walker, Carolyn Moore, Mattie Williams, Mildred Smith and Ann Hughes joined the chorus which entertained the community with beautiful music under the direction of Miss Julia Jackson.

Fab Camp, Henry Eily, Wilson McDowell, John Eaves, Johnny Chambers, James Hart and James Douglas were on the football squad. A few of our group satisfied with having reached "Freshmenboro" stayed here, but most of us were guided safely to "Sophomoreville" by our efficient guides—Miss K. L. Stuart, Mr. T. M. Martin, Miss M. A. Blake and Miss G. H. Alexander.

In Sophomoreville under the guidance of Miss S. L. Lane, Miss V. V. Bryant, Mrs. M. L. McKinney and Mr. J. F. Towns. Johnny Chambers, Henry Eily, John Black, Margaret Berry, and Walter Lovell joined the Drama group. Fontella Walker, Mattie Williams starred in girls' track and Margaret Berry, Alice Hill, Esther Hairston, Mattie Williams, and Fontella Walker played on the softball team.

We had collected many nuggets by the time we left Sophomoreville, but most of us realized that each mile covered proved more profitable than the last so we journeyed to "Juniortown." By this time we were well known throughout West Charlotte Territory. While we were in "Juniortown" Carolyn Moore, Johnny Chambers, Minnie McClure, Henry Eily, Willie Walker, John Black, James Hart, Margaret Berry, Margaret Johnson, Esther Hairston, Jeanette Bowser, Wilson McDowell, Alice Hill, James Daniels and Rosa Davis worked on the West Charlotte Mirror the Territory's newspaper.

Jeanette Bowser was elected Vice-President of the Student Council, John Black became Editor-in-Chief of the Mirror and Wilson McDowell was captain of the Patrol Force. Mattie Williams was captain of the girls basketball team for two years.

Johnny Chambers, Henry Eily, James Douglas, Wilson McDowell, Charles McCullough, Albert Sanders and Fab Camp starred in Track and Football.

Carolyn Moore, Jeanette Bowser, Mildred Smith, Fontella Walker, Margaret Johnson, Selena Johnson, Fab Camp, John McCombs, and Thomas McQueen and Pearl Kirkley were inducted into the West Charlotte Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Jeanette Bowers won first place in the annual Junior Prize oratorical contest, and Carolyn Moore and Jeanette Bowser were honorary marshals to the 1950 graduating class.

Miss B. B. Welborne, Mr. O. A. Williams, Mr. J. A. Davis, and Mrs. F. W. Kelsey guided us safely to "Senior City."

Ah! that beautiful city. It had been a long hard and weary journey and the pioneers were really rejoicing at having reached this last outpost. Mrs. E. S. Randolph, Miss V. D. Shuford, and Mr. S. A. Moore welcomed us with keys to the city. With their help and encouragement we set to work.

James Hart was elected President of the Senior Class. Jeanette Bowser headed the Student Council and the National Honor Society.

The male citizens of West Charlotte Territory elected Ann Hughes as Miss West Charlotte an honor twice bestowed upon her.

John Black was elected President of the Chorus, Drama Club and Science Club. Johnny Chambers was Vice-President of the Drama Club and received honorable mention for his acting in the District Drama Festival.

Jeanette Bowser took second place in the Charlotte Finals of I Speak for Democracy Oratorical Contest.

Senior athletes excelled in football and basketball.

Barbara Brown headed the Cheerleaders who "yelled" our boys to victory on many occasions.

Margaret Berry, Jeanette Bowser, Sarah McQueen and Rosa Davis joined the Future Teachers of America. Janie Mae Stewart was elected Secretary of the organization.

The star production of Senior City's Theatre was "Our Miss Brooks," a brilliant cast starring Jeanette Bowser, Henry Eily, Thomas Caldwell, Mildred Smith, Bennie Hemphill, Willie Ruth Jones, Peggy Withers, Carolyn Moore, Margaret Johnson, Lorese BIRTHA, Lavone Blackwell, Isom BIRTHA, Charles Grier, Mable Way, Ann Hughes, Barbara Brown, Sarah Ford, John Eaves and others received curtain call after curtain call on opening night.

Earth and Stars another major production of the season featured such theatrical luminaries as John Black, Willie Walker, Johnny Chambers, Mildred Smith, Carolyn Moore, James, Fab Camp, Mack Davidson, Frank Alston, Bennie Hemphill, Jeanette Bowser, and Walter Lovell.

James Hart was inducted into the West Charlotte Chapter of the National Honor Society.

The class of 1951 brought their distinguished career at West Charlotte High School to a close with an exciting class night revue and a brilliant commencement pageant.

Led by Carolyn Moore and Jeanette Bowser as valedictorian and salutatorian, one hundred and twenty-five seniors received diplomas on June 5.

MARGARET BERRY
JOHNNY CHAMBERS

WILL AND TESTAMENTS OF THE

State of North Carolina
County of Mecklenburg
City of Charlotte

We, the members of the Senior Class of 1951, being cognizant of the fact that an end must soon come to our blissful and tearful days spent at our dear institution and that, ere night falls, we leave our footsteps on these sands of time, and in order to prevent any legal controversies, after our decease, over our enormous accumulations, do seize this moment to make our final testament.

We hereby declare all previous promises to pay, will or testaments made by this class as null and void.

To all members of the Junior Class, we bequeath our seats in 12-1, 12-2 and 12-3 homerooms.

James Hart wills his ability to play end on the football team to Eugene Eily and his shoulder pads to Belton Cunningham and his love to all women.

Peggy Withers wills her hair styles to Goldine Dorsette, her chapel seat to Delores Cox and her ability to make noise to Grace Coleman, take it and use it, and all her love to Samuel Fesperman.

Rosa Davis wills her typing ability to William Ferguson, her algebra ability to Claudette Kirkpatrick and her ability to get along with her sweetheart to Janie Ross.

James Daniel wills his art ability to Johnny Alston, and his ability to get along with everyone at West Charlotte.

Willie Walker wills his ability to get along with girls to James Walker.

Carolyn Welch wills her figure to Mabel Haynes and her seat in chapel to Thomas Barnes.

Carolyn Moore wills Tayloria Stroud her chapel seat.

Henry Eily wills his bass voice to Perry Glenn and his football ability to Eugene Eily.

Barbara Brown wills her position on the cheering squad to Shirley Way, and her beautiful smile to Thomas McDowell.

Nathaniel Brown wills Thelmore Ervin a pack of Phillip Morris and all his love to Miss Shuford and Miss Welborne.

Annie Ruth Boyce wills her dancing ability to Ella Mae Walker and Roccita Osborne, and her basketball suit to

Venis Johnson.

Johnnie Chambers wills his track ability to Robert Ethridge and his acting ability to Barbara Carson.

Dorothy Reid wills her love to J. C. Staton and her dimples to Vermell Segars.

Willie Ruth Jones wills her majorette ability to Janie Mae Ross.

Inez Cooper wills her basketball ability to Carrie Cooper.

Rosa Nelson wills her Bible ability to Gazella Broome.

Ella Grier wills her small feet to Charles Grier and her voice to Mildred Hill.

Walter Maxwell wills his ability to get acquainted to Napoleon Chisholm.

Bynom Nicholas wills his drums in band to Robert Ethridge.

Hazel Hasty wills his walk to Frank Clyburn so that he can change his, and all his trouble with girls to Mark Carter.

James Townsend wills his singing ability to King Smith, his dancing ability to Robert Ethridge and all his love to Laverne Williams.

Charity Newson wills her quietness to Mary Ellen Nicholas and her slimness to Jetty Smith.

Clara Wallace wills her ability to attend to her business to Belton Cunningham.

Ora Lee Ashby wills her typewriter to Geraldine Lockhart and her watch to Christine Clay.

Katherine White wills her beautiful handwriting to Jessie Nicholas and her smile to Grace Coleman.

Mary Goines wills her personality to Lillian Plait.

Lavonne Blackwell wills her courage to stay at school during recess to Sadie Wilson, and her chapel seat to Zelma Roberts.

Roy Williams wills his trumpet playing to Dockie Sarter, his singing ability to Thomas Sowell and his scholastic ability to Eugene Jones.

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Selena Johnson wills her typing ability to Narvie Johnson.

George Jackson wills his football ability to Thomas Barnes and his sportsmanship to Roy McIlwain.

Alice Duran wills her driving ability to Juanita Kirkpatrick and her photo ability to Gladys Derr.

Clinton Davis wills his sleeping ability to Jimmie Cannon so he can start going to bed a little early at night.

Thomasena Smith wills her ability to get along with others to Dorothy Carr and her love to the teachers, especially Mr. Davis.

Mattie Williams wills her ability to play basketball to Hattie Williams, her suit to Mamie McBride.

Elizabeth Roseboro wills her stroll to Dorothy Alexander.

Corrine Clark wills her boy friends to Mary Helen Walker and her BeBops to Dorothy Alexander.

Willie James Hill wills his playboyish character to Jerry McKenzie and his coolness to Robert Etheridge.

Jeanette Bowser wills to West Charlotte High School for whom she has labored, her prayers and hopes for continued success.

Sarah Ann Edwards wills her voice to Dorothy James and her basketball ability to Mamie McBride.

Minnie Cherry wills her ability to get along with people to Mary Helen Hunter.

James Lee wills his brain to William Peeler and his ability to filibuster to Napoleon Chisholm.

Ann Hughes wills her personality to Gwendolyn Roberts and her chapel seat to Delores Cox.

Minnie Brown wills her typing ability to Wynona Wigfall and her seat in chapel to Louise McGriffin.

Rosa Johnson wills her typing ability to whoever wants it.

Henry Richardson wills his pool room ability to Edward Graves.

Allean Quinn wills her basketball ability to Ola Mae Hart and her love to Roy McIlwain.

Mildred Smith wills her seat in chorus to Lillian Smith.

Isom Birtha wills his singing ability to William Birtha.

Pearlie Kirkley wills her singing ability to Evelyn and Edson Mickles.

Margaret Johnson wills her seat in chapel to Mable Haynes, and her white ribbons to Tyloria Stroud.

Argie Cunningham wills her quietness to Jennie Ann Meares.

Helena Nelson wills her cheering squad suit to Nora Bell Gooding.

John Eaves wills his football ability to Eugene Eily.

Charles Cathey wills his track ability to Samuel Fesperman.

John Nichols wills his voice to Daniel Blackman, his intelligence to Raymond Nicholas and all his love to Betty Ruth Hughes.

Margaret Franklin wills her driving ability to Carolyn Martin, her charm and personality to Dorothy Carr and her red skirt to Barbara Spence to complete her outfit.

Sarah McQueen wills her legs to Eleanor Smith and her sewing ability to Cenester Baskin.

Fab Camp wills his football ability to Belton Cunningham and his ability to get along with girls to Samuel Cureton.

James Douglas wills his football suit to Emmerson Sartor, his ability to make love to Samuel Cureton and all his love to Barbara Houser.

Mildred Archie wills her basketball ability to Ola Mae Hart.

Carrie Woodard wills her seat in Mr. Moore's English class to Christabelle Sexton.

Charles McCollough wills his ability to high jump to Belton Cunningham and his basketball shoes to Jimmie Cannon and his basketball ability to T. H. McDowell.

Janie Mae Stewart wills her dirty black and white shoes to Barbara Spence and all her love to Otto Latimer.

Mabel Way wills her coolness to Katherine Way, her ability to get along with boys to Cenester Baskin, and her dancing ability to Odell Way.

Thelma Glymph wills her figure to Barbara Carson, her chapel seat to Victoria Alexander and her sewing ability to Mary Ellen Nicholas.

Margaret Berry wills her position in Mr. Blake's heart to Delores Cox and her D. E. seat to anyone who cares to have it.

Esther Hairston wills her shape to Mabel Haynes.

Alice Hill leaves her graceful stroll to Dot Hill.

CLASS PROPHECY

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen of the radio audience! This is your own news commentator, Margurite Mecheel Berry, bringing you the outstanding news of the week.

Tonight I am especially privileged to be broadcasting from the vast arena of Madison Square Garden in New York City. Here are gathered the alumni of the class of '51 for their fifteenth anniversary. This is one of the outstanding gatherings of the age, because the world feels that it is the most famous and outstanding meeting since the meeting of General Fab Camp and Private Charles McCullough in Blackwater, Georgia.

Some of the first people to arrive are Mrs. Ora Lee Ashby, Browns Incorporated—Minnie, Gloria, Barbara and Nathaniel, also the Grier firm, Charles, John, James, Peggy and Ella. On the left we see Charity Newson and her husband Thomas McNabb. With them we find Reverend Mack Davidson pastor of Save Sinners Baptist Church with him is one of his members, Deacon Isaiah Patterson. I have just heard that Reverend Bennie Hemphill is now in charge of the Theological Seminary at Shaw University. Taking a seat to my right I see, lovely Mrs. Pearl Kirkley Maxwell and her husband Walter.

In the back we see Rosa Davis and Wilson McDowell. Entering we see many members of the nursing staff at "Die Quick" Hospital such as Minnie Cherry, Thelma Glymph, Evelyn Thompson. Also just entering are the doctors, John McCombs and Thomas McQueen.

The Y. W. C. A. has sent some members to this meeting who are alumni, Miss Mary Price and Sarah McQueen.

Miss Willie Ruth Jones with her boyfriend Hazel Hasty have arrived. The great novelist Clinton Whitaker has just written a book on "Love and Nonsense" using John Nicholas, Donald Hafer and George Jackson as references. Richard Sartor the great army general with some of his top officers has just entered, they are Staff Sgt. John Poole, Captain Albert Sanders and Colonel Clinton Davis.

Miss Mildred Morrison has just entered from her famous cheerleader school, with one of her instructors, Mrs. Minnie McClure Bradshaw, wife of Doctor Robert Bradshaw.

Due to the weather conditions a plane from Los Angeles was grounded. Most unfortunately twenty members of the Alumni Association were on this plane. They were, Annie Douglas, Inez Cooper, Sarah Dell Ford Frazier, wife of David Frazier, Rosa Mae Nelson, Dorothy Reid, Clara Wallace, Annie Boyce, Verlene Harris, Rosa Johnson, Evaline Johnson, Carrie Woodard, wife of Attorney Charles Cathey, Carolyn Welch Gordon, wife of the noted brain specialist Doctor Johnny Gordon, Esther Reel, Aileen Quinn, Helena Nelson, Ellen Miller, and Bessie Hunter.

Gossiping in the corner are those famous gossiping champions, Mildred Archie and Elizabeth Murray talking to John Eaves.

We have several members who have gone into the nursery, Janie Mae Stewart, Mable Way and Florrie Kennedy.

We have many teachers represented here from the various schools over North Carolina, Elizabeth Roseboro, Mary Rose Stuart, and Katherine White.

Miss Isabella Robinson is here representing the "Women's Golfers Association," along with her I see Odessa Hood, Eleanor Camp and Corrine Clark. Also we have four representatives from the "Avon Company," they are Argie Cunningham, Alice Durant, Sarah Ann Edwards and Mary Goines.

Representing Florida A & M College, we have Professor John Paton Black, who is recognized as a great Negro Author. He has just revised his first edition of "Whiskey versus Teen Agers."

Some of California's first Negro businessmen have just entered, they are Mr. Isom BIRTHA, Bynom Nicholas, Manuel Montgomery and Victor Hoey.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I see to my right, the "World's Best Dressed Man," Mr. John Henry Eily, wearing a bright, loud, red shirt. With him I see his runner up, Mr. Willie Walker, Jr., wearing a tomato red shirt, trimmed in deep purple.

We are represented in the television world by Mr. Willie James Enoch Hill, III.

Sitting in the center down front I see Mr. Johnnie Chambers, who has just recovered from a strain of the vocal cord. He was trying to reach the note that no one had reached before.

Entering is Lorese BIRTHA and her famed "Blake Trotters," who have just returned from a trip around the world.

Down on the left hand side we see the world's greatest football team. Representing West Charlotte High School, we have Roy Williams, Marion Rawlings, James Lee, Charles Kennedy, James Daniels and Louis Goode.

The world's champion wrestler is James Lyles and with him his wife, Mattie Williams, a famous member of the "Blake Trotters."

Representing Charlotte's Police Force, we have James Crosby, French Cathey, James Douglas and Albert Huey. Four of the outstanding funeral directors are present, Thomas Hughes, Charles Knight, Robert Lockhart and James Townsend.

The beauty queen of 1965 is here, Miss Lavonne Blackwell, telling of her tales and adventures in Rome.

Margaret Franklin and Anne Hughes have tied up for the speed of typing 2000 words a minute. They have put Cortez Peters out of circulation.

Katie Johnson and Selena Johnson have taken over Johnson's Furniture Company. I know there will be fewer bargains. Julius P. Stroud and Henry "Snake" Richardson have tied for the laziest man of the year.

Charles Donald after four years of hard labor finally gave up his trip to Mars. I was informed by Walter Lovell, who is here from Germany.

Scientist Frank Alston has discovered a type of pill which has put "Hadacol" out of business.

All heads have just turned toward the door and we see that graceful model Carolyn Moore.

Thomasena Smith and Thomas Caldwell have just opened the "Thom Thom Shop" where you can get your broken hearts mended.

Peggy Withers marriage to?? was the hit of the year. This information came from Miss Fontella Walker, the first Woman Jet Pilot to fly around the world.

James Hart is now Principal of West Charlotte High School. This information comes from Jeanette Bowser who is here from Charlotte.

Actress Margaret Johnson has just startled the world by her recent divorce from her first husband. She is now entering on the arm of a mysterious young man.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I think, yes, I know, Miss Mildred Smith is present. She is making quite a name for herself in the Poetic world. She has just finished "The Ode to a High Heel Shoe."

Ladies and Gentlemen have been comfortable seated. We have a large attendance. In fact two which are due to be present have not yet arrived. What is it!!! Crash!!! Bam!!! Alacazam!!! Here they come. I knew they would be here. Miss Alice Elizabeth Hill from the North Carolina Mental Institution, where she is a teacher and Miss Esther Hairston from Teacher's College in Crazyville, South Carolina.

THE NIGHT BEFORE GRADUATION

Twas the night before graduation, when all through the house
Not a senior could be found who was as quiet as a mouse.
The robes were all pressed and ready to wear
In hopes that tomorrow would soon be there.

No senior was eager to go to his bed
For fear visions of diplomas would dance in his head.
Some looked at their caps and some at their gowns,
And the girls tried on shoes they had bought downtown.

Then one of the seniors said to all the rest,
"Of all senior classes, I believe ours is best."
The others suddenly and happily said;
"No one can beat us, we're always ahead."

They thought of the day, they hated to leave,
They dreamed of the day they could hardly believe—
When all of the seniors would anxiously go.
To the W. C. Auditorium in one long row.

That day forever will treasured be
When all seniors were happy as happy as could be.
There were dramatics, Chorus and also football,
To all of which seniors answered the call.

Typing! Science! English! Health! Math! Test!
History! Home Ec.! Journalism! and you know the rest.
These classes, these games were all that we loved.
But time with its wings has quickly removed

They thought of their teachers and their classmates too.
For these are the reasons they will forever be true
To the maroon and gold; colors of the school,
And the pink and the Blue colors of the class,

And "Onward to victory" shall be our guide.
When school day memories have dried.
Whenever a rose in the breeze gently blows,
The seniors will remember it as the flower they chose.

As the hustle and bustle slowly comes to an end,
The seniors will hasten, their task to begin.
With uplifted heads and broken hearts
They dream of the hour they must depart.
Because they will leave, ne'er to return,
They cannot conceal the tears that burn.

By THOMASENA SMITH

Dedicated to the Senior Class of '51

SUPERLATIVES



WILSON McDOWELL
Best Dancer
Most Popular
Most Friendly
Best All-around



PEGGY GRIER
Wittiest
Best Dressed
Neatest



ANNE HUGHES
Best Looking



BARBARA BROWN
Most Friendly
Most Dependable



THOMAS CALDWELL
Wittiest
Best Looking

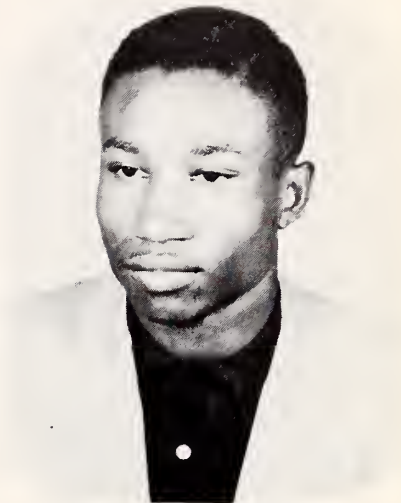
SUPERLATIVES



HAZEL HASTY
Most Dependable



KATIE JOHNSON
Most Intelligent



THOMAS McQUEEN
Most Scholarly

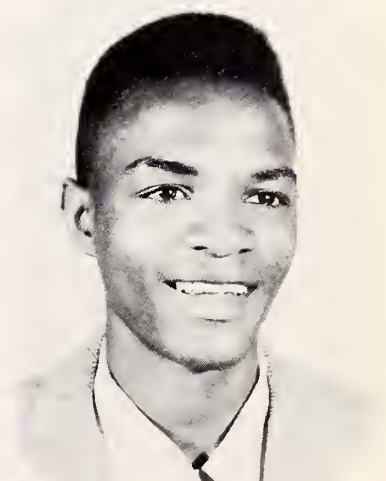
CAROLYN MOORE
Most Likely to Succeed
Most Scholarly



HENRY RICHARDSON
Neatest



MATTIE WILLIAMS
Most Athletic



CHARLES McCULLOUGH
Most Athletic

SUPERLATIVES



HENRY EILY
Best Dressed



ANNIE BOYCE
Best Dancer



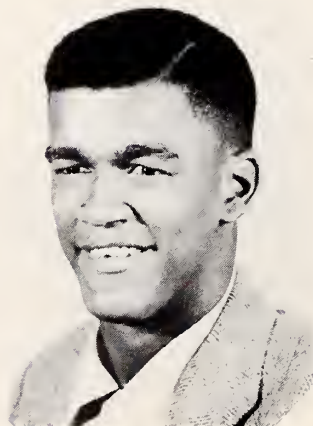
JOHN McCOMBS
Most Ambitious



JOHN BLACK
Most Intelligent
Most Pleasing Personality



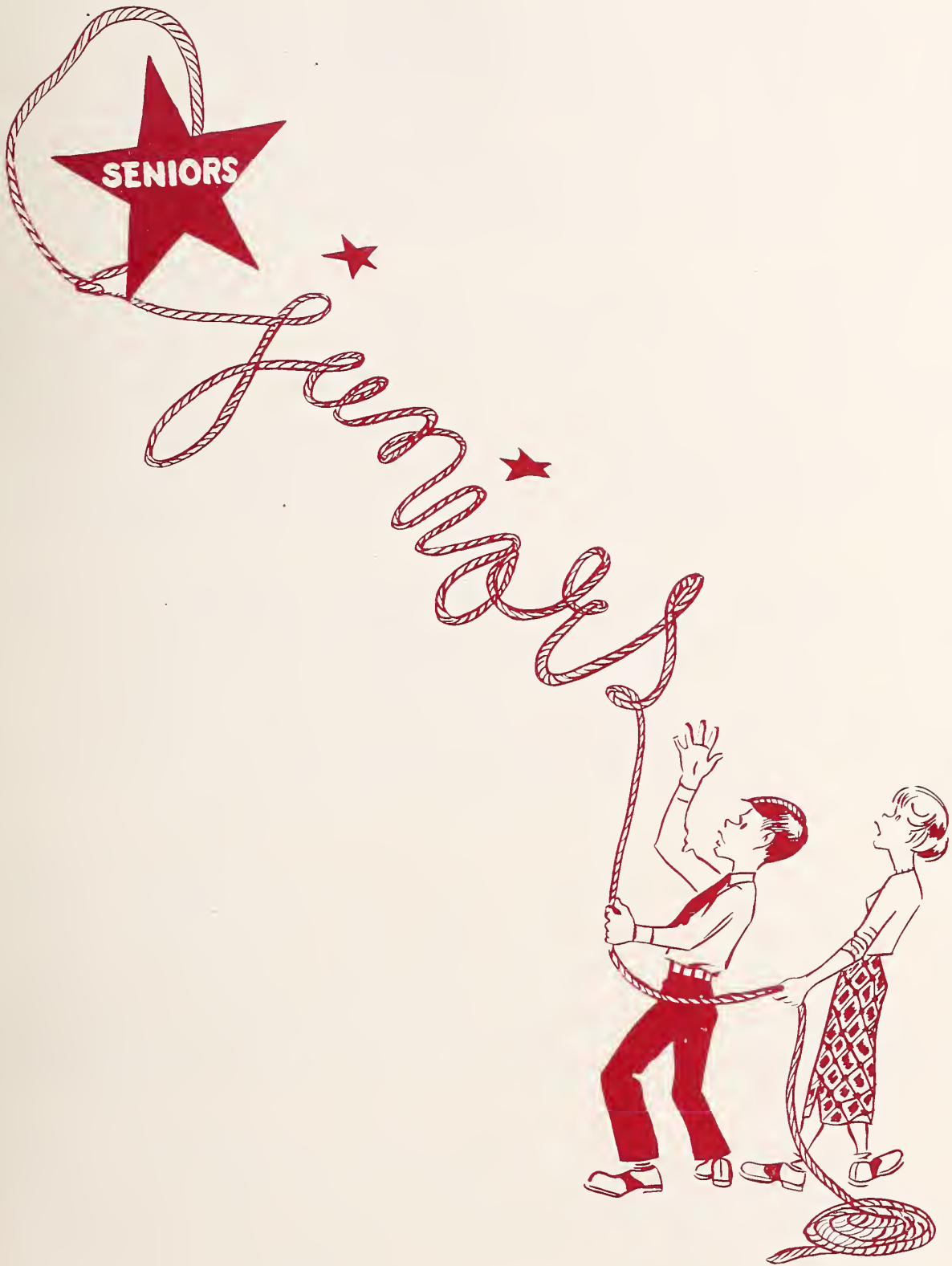
JEANNETTE BOWSER
Most Ambitious
Most Popular



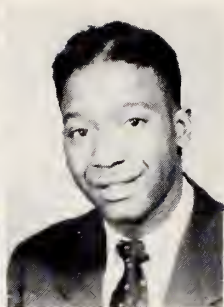
JAMES HART
Most Likely to Succeed



JANIE STEWART
Most Pleasing Personality

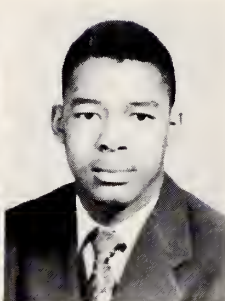
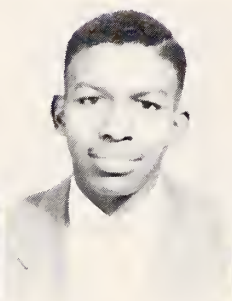
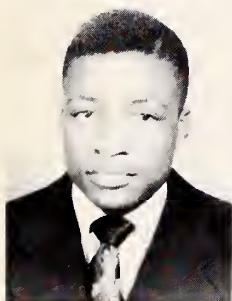


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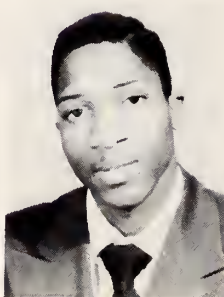
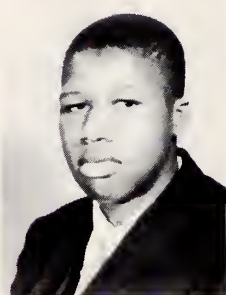
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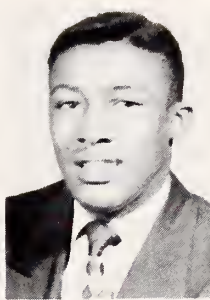
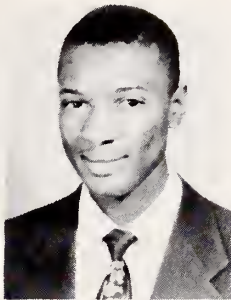
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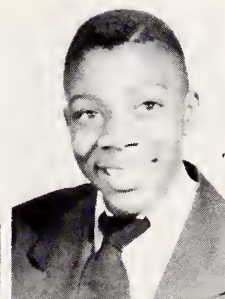
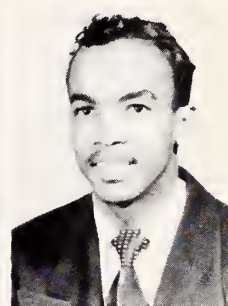
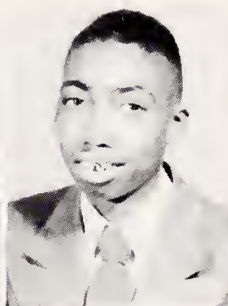
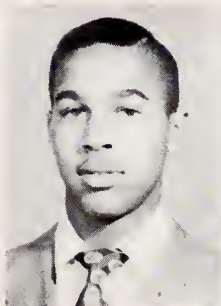
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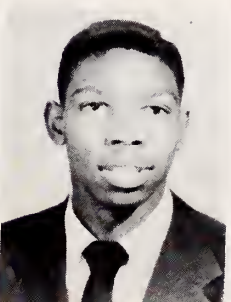
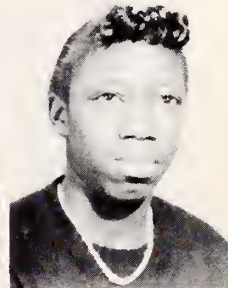
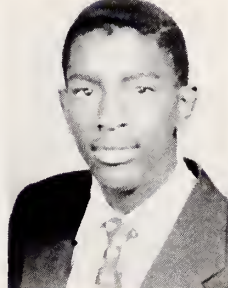
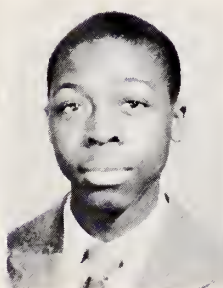
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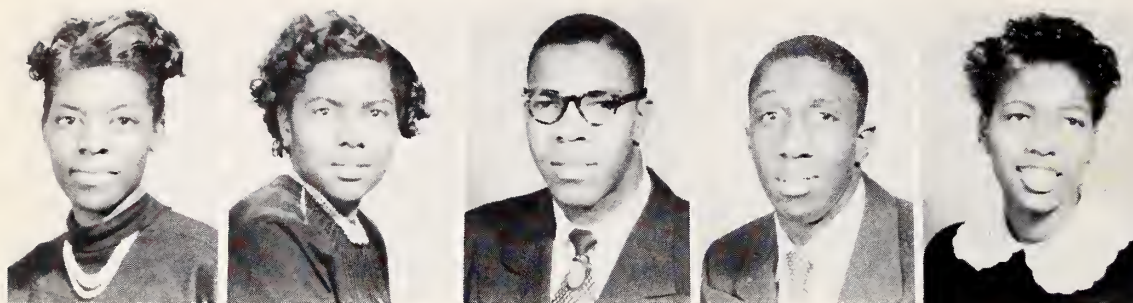
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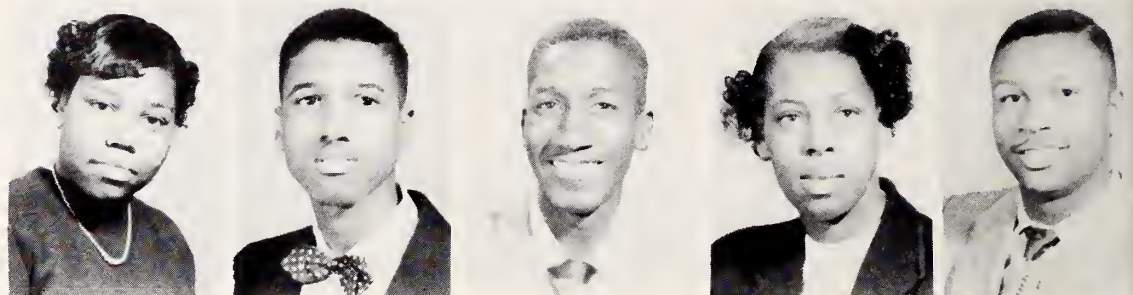
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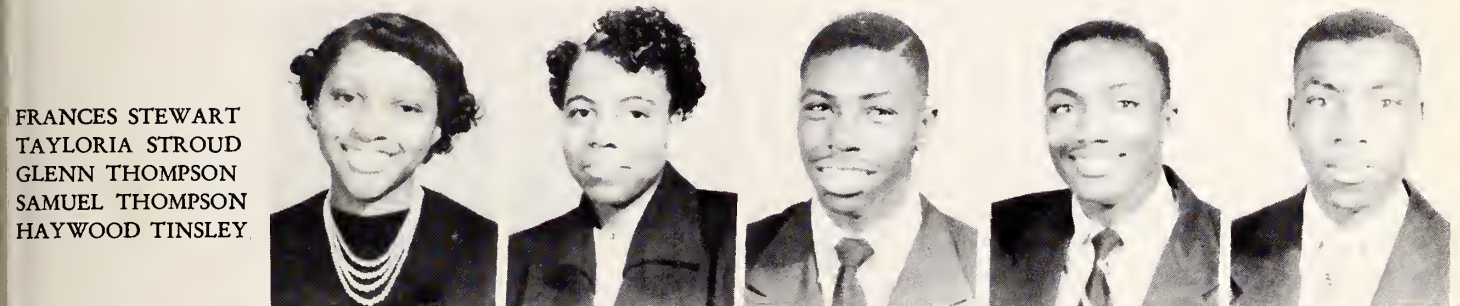


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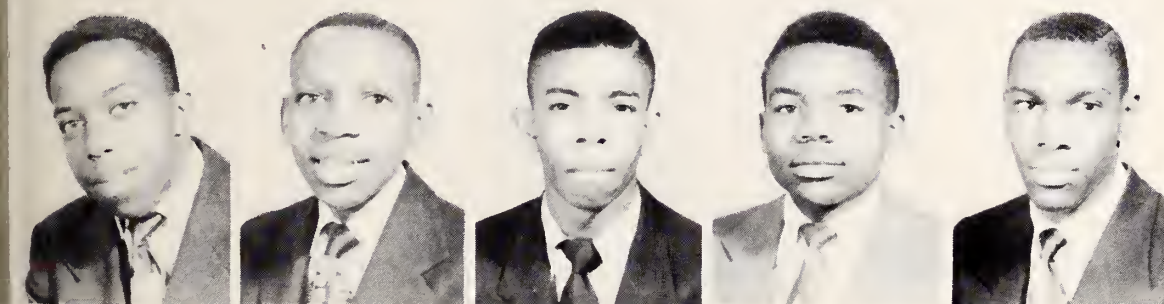
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AUTOGRAPHS

"The surest way not to fail is to determine to succeed."

W. M. Mc Kissick

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A. Donald

Chester

Lila L. Terry

"To thine own self be true,
And it must follow as the
night the day, & them
thou canst not them be
false to any man."

May your future
hold untold success.
In L. Hearns

Adelaide L. Hunt.

"All service ranks
the same with God"
Julia C. Vincent

Yesterday
is the yesterday
of tomorrow
J. Miller

Each day is filled with happiness, are you healthy
enough to enjoy it - T. W. Vinton

James E. Woods

Arthur A. Wilson

"A work of art is not the
representation of, and
drawing is it the repre-
sentation of the experience
which we have with the
particular object."

"There is no shortcut.
But for one who is
patient,
the end is well worth
the journey."



SOPHOMORE CLASS



TEN-THREE

TEN-ONE



TEN-TWO

TEN FOUR



FRESHMEN CLASS



NINE-ONE

NINE-THREE



NINE-TWO



NINE-FIVE



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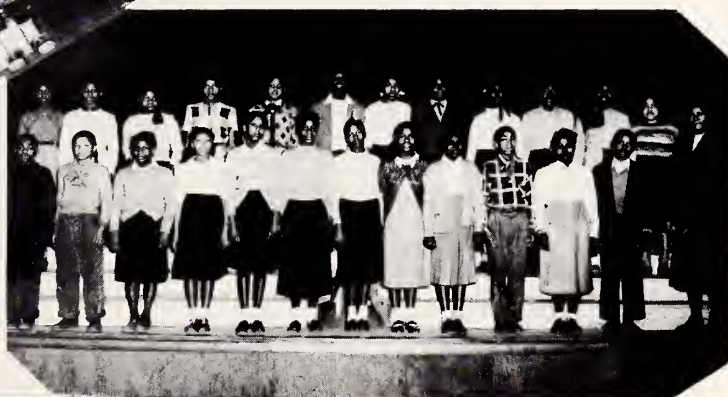


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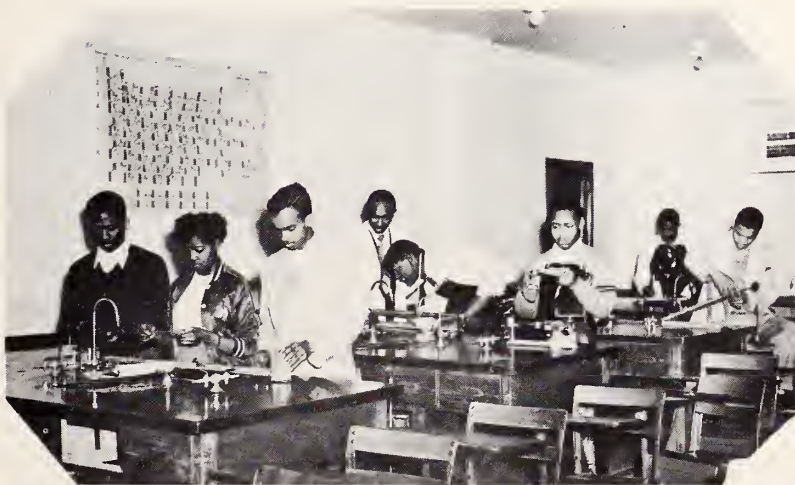
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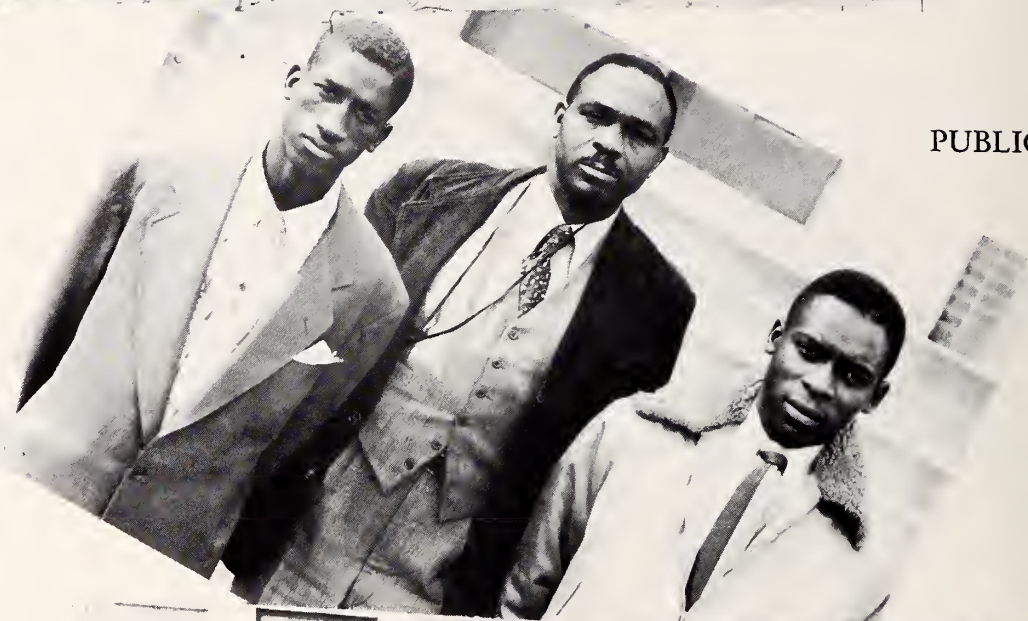


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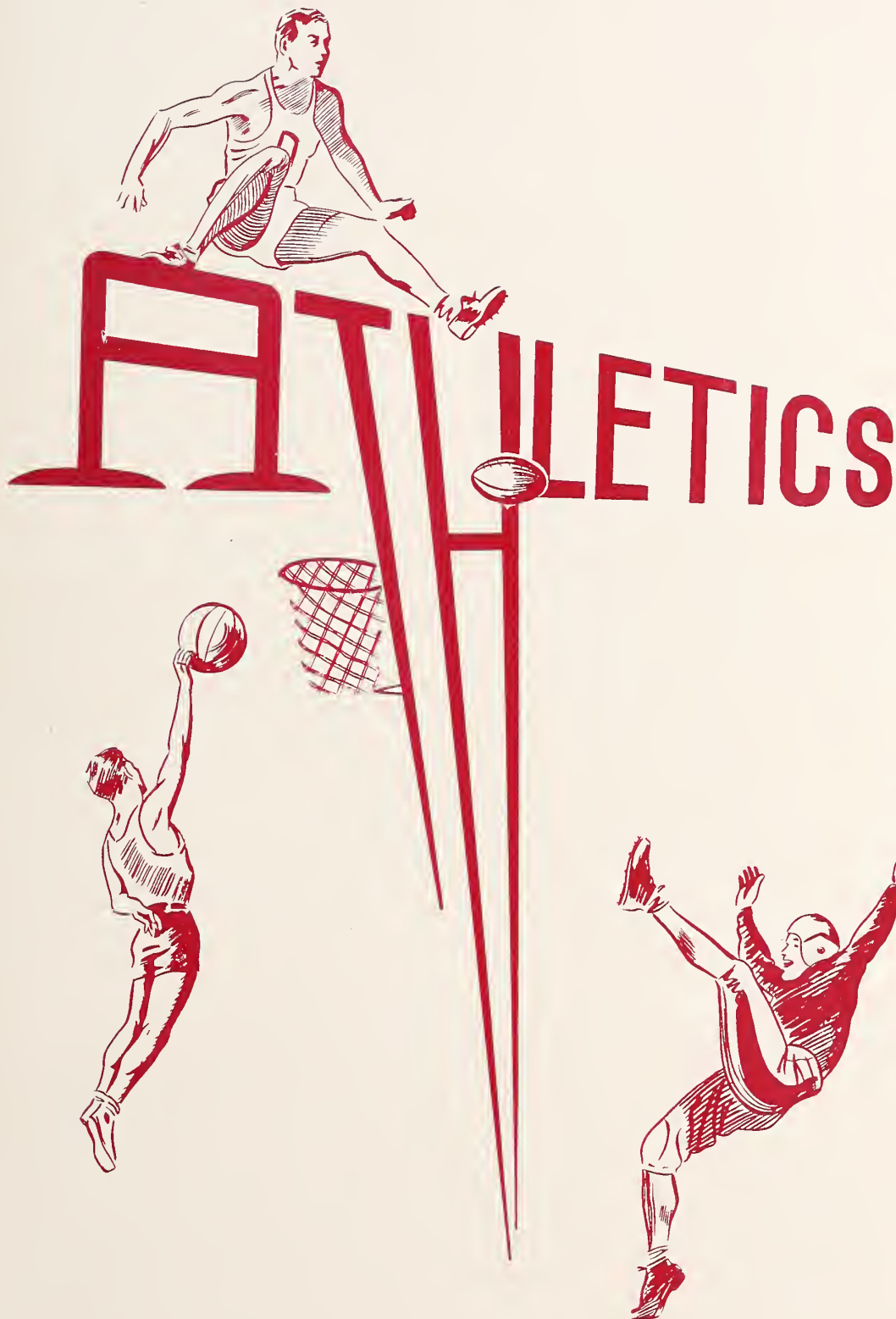
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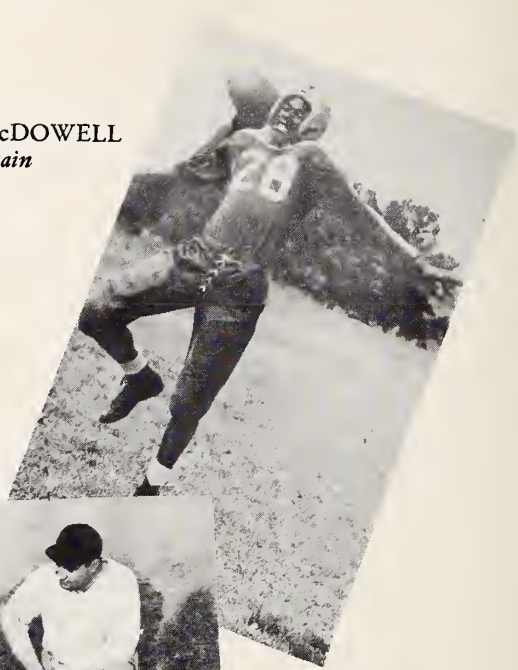




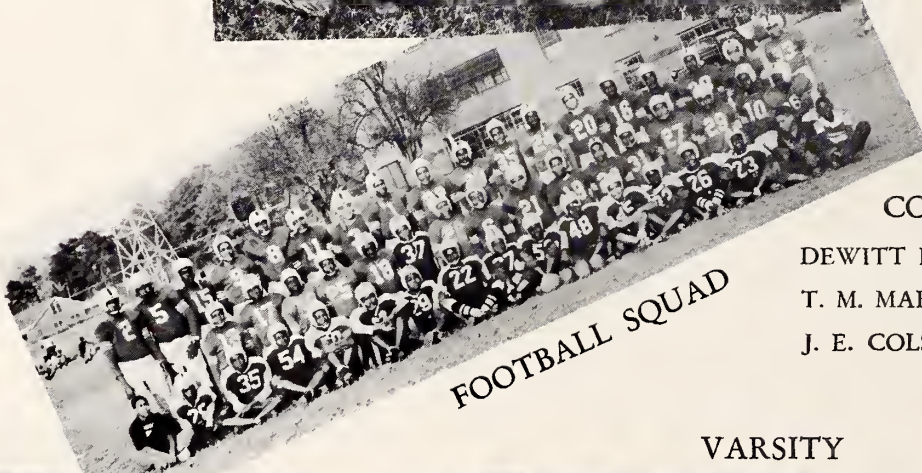
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WILSON McDOWELL
Captain



JAMES STATON
Co-Captain



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1950-1951

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VARSITY



SENIOR VARSITY

Lions Open Win

The
ed
view High 14-7
September 20, 1949—The years' thriller came when the Lions defeated Ridgeview High School of Hickory, North Carolina by a score of 14-7. Eily, Todd, Douglas and Jones, outstanding backfield players, held the backfield positions offensively, and Anderson took advantage of a weak right end and ran the necessary yardage for the first score. McDowell's punt for the extra point was good and the Lions led 7-0 in the opening minutes of the game. With Todd and Eily showing unusual sparkle attempt up d t

W. Charlotte Defeats Lincoln Academy

September 23, 1949—With the Lions eager to start, Coaches Martin and Colston watched their boys up another win by defeating Lincoln Academy 26-0. James, outstanding backfield player, received the kick-off and made a good gain.

The Lions looked exceptional good. Anderson's excellent line kept Lincoln Academy on a continuous pace up and down the field. Camp was on the alert recovering all fumbles. Todd is given credit for the first score and McDowell's punt was good putting the Lions in a 7-0 lead.

Henry Eily on the field made

did it Be

SEVENTH GRADERS GIVE
OPINIONS OF WEST
CHARLOTTE

Lion Defeat Camels

The West Charlotte Lions defeated the Atkins High Camels 15-13.

Neither team had scored until Wilson (toe) McDowell kicked a 23 yard field goal.

But as the game progressed the field goal grew in importance and the three points were the difference as West Charlotte won.

Dorothy was a Preacher of a Bishop.

Clara a TV

Highland Rams
Defeat W. C. Lions
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The Rams up this game column and came the start with hard hitting attacks and fast running gains.

The Lions seemed to have lost all spirit and Highland high, filled with spirit, made their first touchdown in the opening minutes of the game.

W many of the Lions injured in backfield Henry McDowell, and Camp, yard field Eily hard for a was no run. made a sensational in the good made by Eily. Conversion was Jones ran 25 yards to end the game at 26-0. The next touchdown held the score Rams 12.

Willie "Twist"
Sports Editor

Lions Wallop Belmont

October 6, 1949—The Wlotte Lions were too Reid High eleven.

The Lions looked exceptionally good. Anderson's excellent line kept Lincoln Academy on a continuous pace up and down the field. Camp was on the alert recovering all fumbles. Todd is given credit for the first score and McDowell's punt was good putting the Lions in a 7-0 lead.

Touchdown Frank Todd (2), son Sartor and kick resulted in McDowell was given credit for four extra points. Final score West Charlotte 55—Belmont 0.

Cheerleaders Gain Recognition

The cheering regular season by in of the group. a Brown was elected

Members of a Brown was elected captain of the group. Marian Kirkpatrick was elected co-captain. Barbara Morrison, Barbara Morrison, Ola Mae Lowery, Helena Nelson, Robert Hart, Jessie Mae Yound, Edward Graves, and Edward Graves, are Mildred Morrison, Etheridge and Edward Graves. Dressed in the traditional maroon and gold, the cheerleaders received great applause and recognition for their untiring efforts. New yells and songs have been taught to the student body, and cheering at games is commended by all spectators.

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Veline Sellers



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Eily scored on a 40 yard run with McDowell converting the extra point. At the end of the first quarter the score was Lions 7-Ridgeview 0. came back to touchdown. Through the rei Ridgeview of the game, the Lions held the Rams scoreless. Final score Rams 12 and Lions 6.

Willie "Twist" Walker Sports Editor

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ly outstanding in the backfield made a sensational 60 yard run. McDowell

What Would

Lions Wallop Lincoln Academy

Ali was a Mountain instead of a Hill.

Fab was a Barracks instead of a Camp.

James was Liver instead of Hart (heart).

Dorothy was a Preacher instead of a Bishop.

Clara was a Truman instead of a Wallace.

Johnny was P Chamb

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TRADERS GIVE WEST GH

I a wonderful school take care of it. A we have the clean t, and best auditor, in the city of Cha myself that we ing principal and ha same. We also have looking teachers. I like n. and I hope you like yours.

Our Class In our class we have 41 children and I think they all are swell. At my table all the children are very good There are other our class. Our us sometimes, to do better

Perry

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7-3 to a o a sep- and you

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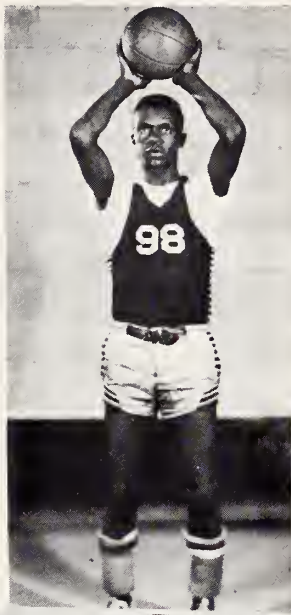


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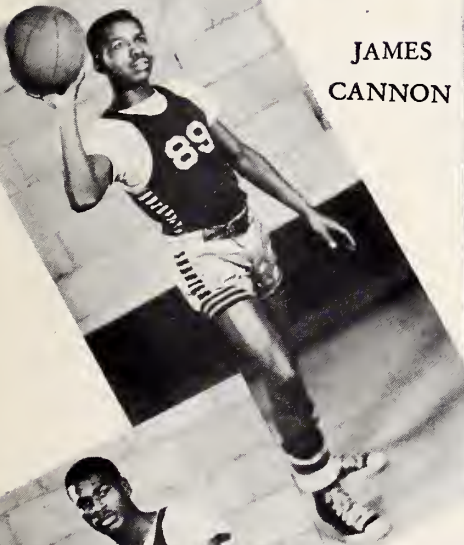
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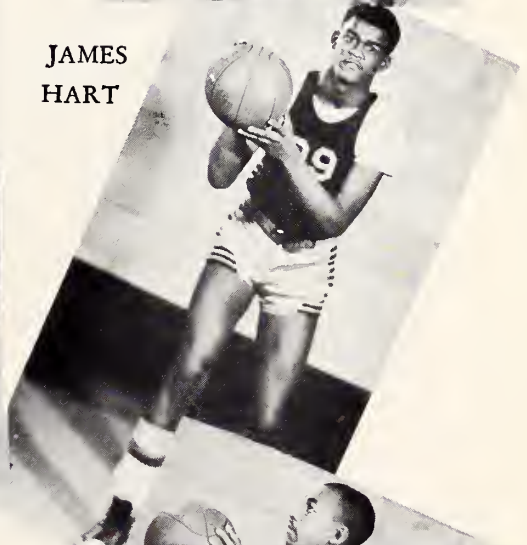
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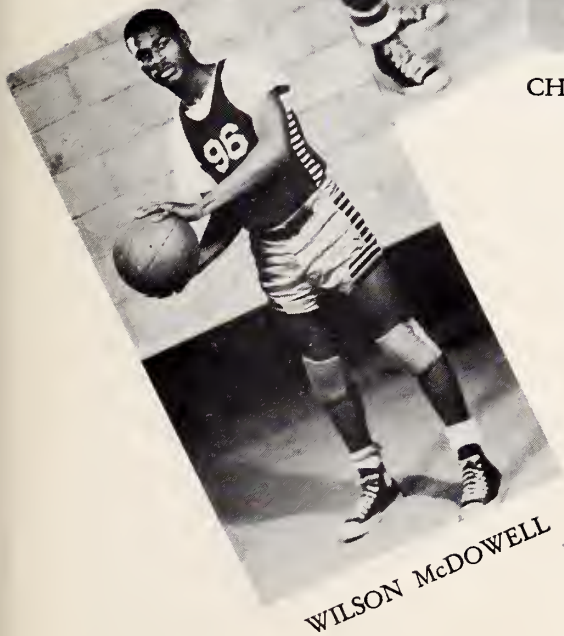
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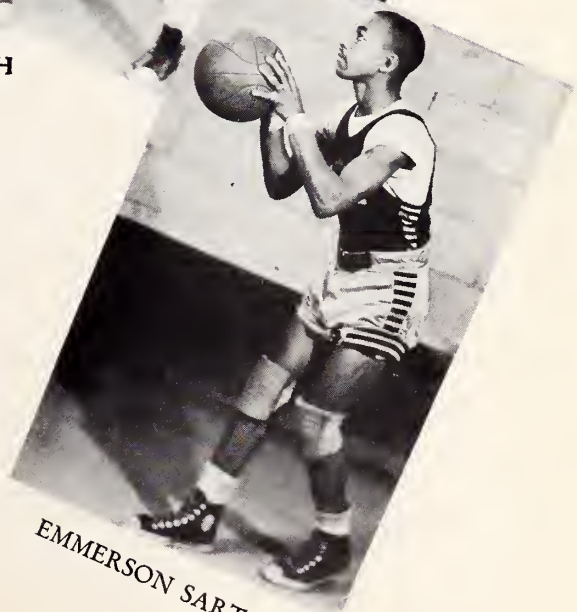
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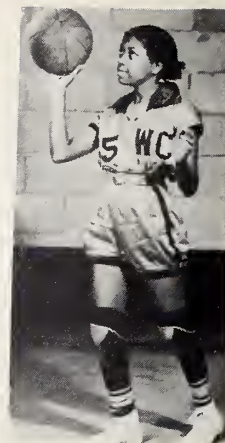
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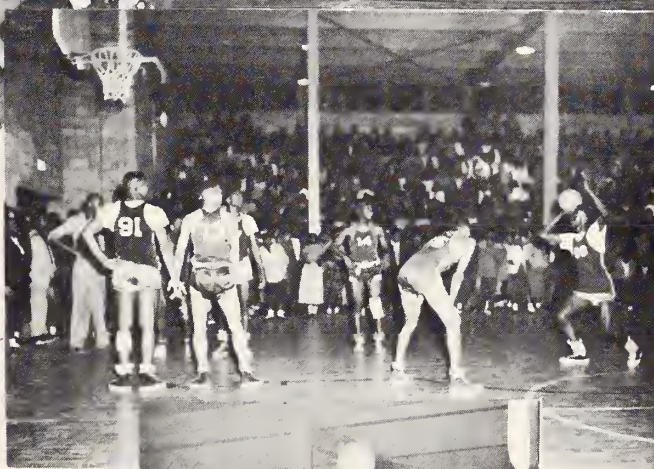
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THE SENIOR BAND



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the breath of mu-sic steal - ing, To thy dream - ing heart,
 the night for love was giv - en, Dear - est come to me,

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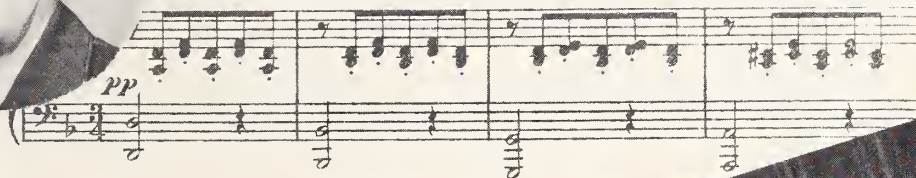
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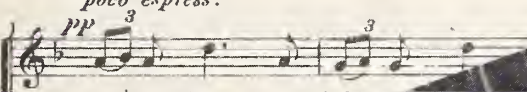
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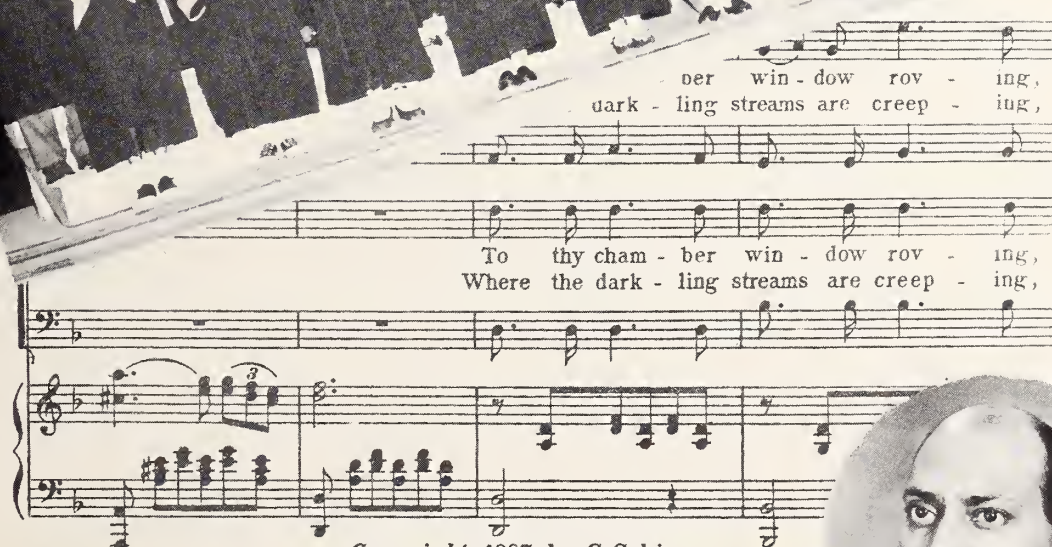
Tho' the leaves the night
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ALTO.



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dark - ling streams are creep - ing,

To thy cham - ber win - dow rov - ing,
Where the dark - ling streams are creep - ing,



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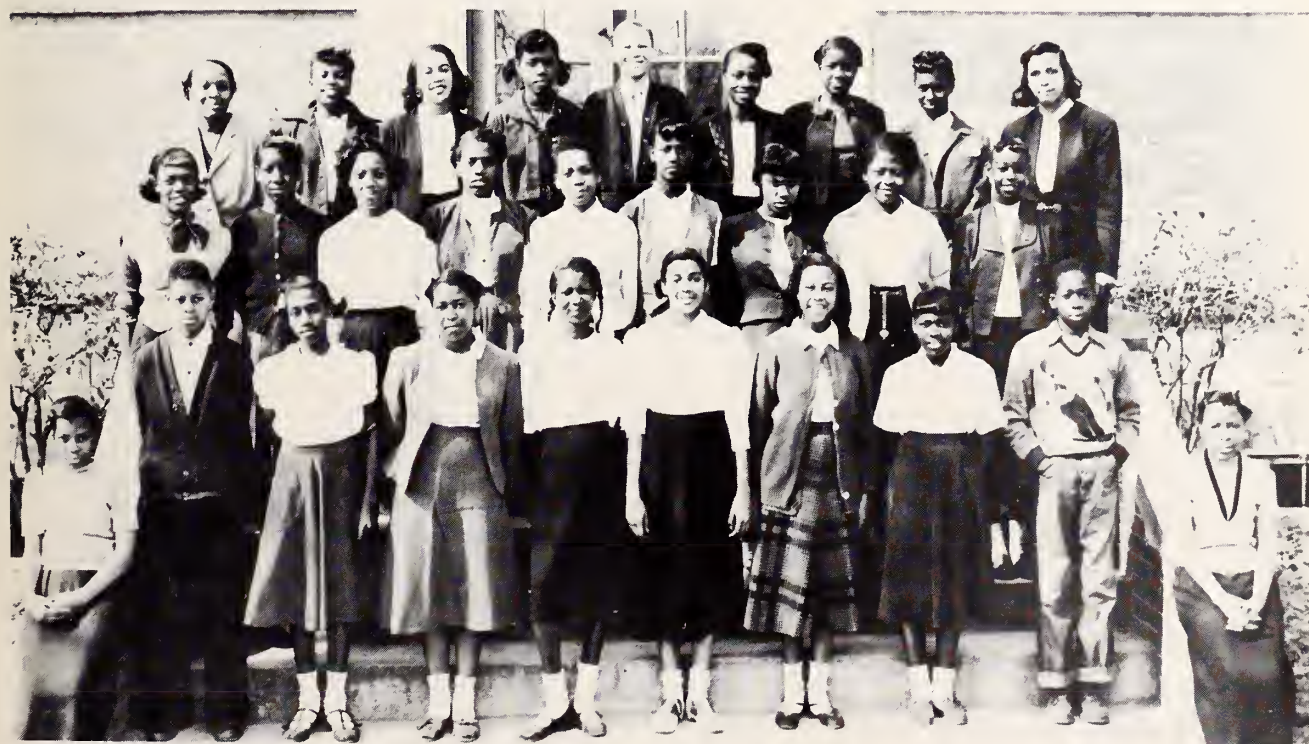


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bring more in the reading public has decided to monthly feature "The Gem" serving student "The Gem" Montana. Students will be the basis of leadership and cooperation. This will be the entire Mirror Staff g suggestions asked to send them the editor of the

THE NEW TEACHERS AD TO FACULTY

body is w teache e Gunn, Bu... ved her B.S. de Economics from and her M.A. degree in from Teachers College, C... a University previously, she ht two ar years at John Hawkin renton, N.C. Her hobbi thing connected with or food preparation. S impress or beaut ity and t... st Charlotte was received his B... from Dillard U... vers... ans ar... year sta... risk Un... He worked... at Eliz... City, N.C., as... etor of Ins... mental Music... the Negi schools, and organized the band at P. W. Morris High School. Mr. J. A. Davis, Winston-Salem, N.C. attended North Carolina College in D... N.C., and Atlan- ta U... ta, Georgia. He Laboratory University. s hobbies are To teachers, the faculty body extend a cordial welcome and pledge their support and cooperation.

Vest Charlotte Host To Negro Li Association
5th annual con... Carolina Negi... on met on Novem... at West

The then was "Make The conf day, Novem All public the audi Librar Ca Ma We... committee.

Student Installation

Thursday, the Studen ts annual ins... in the auditorium Dr. Elmer H. Garri... it of Charlotte t y will deliver the p... and Mr. W. O. Sunton, t of Student Council, C. Smith University will e officers. p... and advisors of stud... coun... all city schools ave... to at- tend. The tentat... plan- ned includes... address by Jeanett... Music by West Charl... son Chanters, greetings... the President of Second Ward High School and other interesting renditions.

Western District North Caroli Teacher's Held at W.
The Western D... North Carolina Teach... annual conference at High School November 5th. convention "y Work". al session ning at ele... l Aaron Mo... come addre... of Asheville... ivered the pr

gs were held ssrooms. These at 9:30 a.m. ed for Elemen- me economics and dramatics groups were set were not direct-... group

Mr. S. A. French at W School, was the Western Dis- sation of Nor... Mr. Moore will serve for a period of two years.

Jacqu Butler Elec Of Sen

For... in the history of W... te High School, a young... has been chosen as preside of the senio Jacqueline Butler h... stinction. Miss Bu' by a majority vote Other officers ele Hairston, Vice-Pres Jones, Secretary; Cla... mond, Assistant Secretary; William Anthony, Treasurer; and William Blue, Reporter.

pt ber 22, 1949, the staff e its annual campaign with a school auditor candidates de speeches and y Miss Jaco The studer to vote on the during homeroom the next morning.

The ballots we Wednesday and r here: f; ate Ed Advertis Chambers, 35 ss er; Margaret Berry, 288, lation Manager; Alice Hill, Mildred Smith... Exchange editors; Dor... 497, Carolyn Moo... Ed- tors; Eunice ss and Club E r, 318, Sports son, 240, Ar

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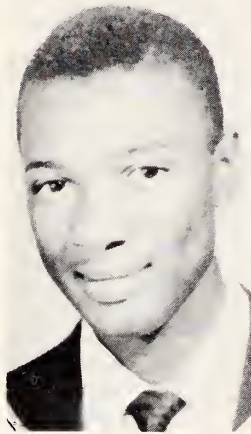
PATROL FORCE ORGANIZED

On Thursday, er 22, 1949, the Patrol... organized under the W. E. White. ers were el... ac- Dowell, capt... Jones, co - capta... ants are: James San... Robert Lockhart, Thomas McDowell and Clinton Da- is. Mary Rose Stewart is secre- ry and Estelle Watts is trea- arer. The Patrol Force adopted for this year the motto "Good Citi- zenship Makes Good Government." Your support is needed.

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